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## Editor waves the white flag after Euro 96 blitzkrieg

By ALEXANDRA FREAN  
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE editor of the *Daily Mirror* has apologised after hundreds of people protested about yesterday's front page showing two England footballers in soldiers' uniforms demanding a German surrender.

It is understood that Piers Morgan was severely reprimanded by senior executives after the company's switchboard was jammed with calls objecting to headlines saying "Mirror Declares Football War on Germany" and "Achtung! Surrender ... For you Fritz, z Euro 96 Championship is over".

The *Mirror's* front page also featured an open letter to readers

from Mr Morgan written in the style of Neville Chamberlain's radio broadcast announcing the outbreak of war on September 3, 1939.

Mr Morgan, 31, said his coverage of the run-up to tomorrow's Euro 96 semi-final was supposed to be humorous, but he admitted that some had found it deeply offensive. Apart from those who protested to the paper, 40 people contacted the Press Complaints Commission, which will consider tomorrow whether to take any action.

"It was intended as a joke, but anyone who was offended by it must have taken it seriously, and to those people I say sorry," Mr Morgan said. "Humour about the Germans has gone back in our history and is

reflected in programmes like *Dad's Army* and *Allo, Allo.*"

Mr Morgan would not comment on reports that he had been forced to cancel plans to hire a tank and drive it to Germany. The paper is also understood to have called off a spitfire flypast over the England team's hotel in Luton, where they have abandoned plans to meet a reunion of *Dad's Army* actors.

Peter Gottovald, a spokesman for the German ambassador in London, said that the *Mirror's* war comparisons were in very bad taste. "Sport should not be connected with a war which, for the Germans, is a very strong reminder of a past that they do not brag about."

The outbreak of jingoism was not

confined to the *Mirror*, and other tabloid papers used similar imagery. *The Sun* — which, in common with *The Times* is owned by News International — ran the headline "Let's Blitz Fritz" on page four and the *Daily Star* had a front page picture of the England coach Terry Venables posing as Lord Kitchener under the headline "Herr We Go".

Stuart Higgins, editor of *The Sun* told *Channel 4 News*, that some papers had lost the plot. "The Sun has maintained a jingoistic approach, rather than a xenophobic one. I think we can get away with blitzing Fritz, but talk of war is slightly in a different league. Our job now is to get behind the players and urge them to win. I think we

can have a bit of humour about the Germans."

Ordinary Germans, however, are becoming almost punch-drunk from the battering they have received at the hands of the British tabloids over the beef ban and Euro 96, and many have protested to the British embassy in Bonn. "Clearly some have been offended," Michael Smith, the press secretary, said. "That's not surprising given the headlines — but they understand, I hope, that parts of the British press are very robust and critical of everyone, not just Germans."

To many in the newspaper industry, Mr Morgan has failed to understand his readers' sensibilities and the paper's historical role in

British society. In attempting to transfer the mocking style of *The Sun*, where he rose to fame as a "showbiz" columnist, and *The News of the World*, which he edited, many feel he has failed to appreciate the *Mirror's* more serious tradition.

Roy Greenslade, a former *Mirror* editor, said: "It is ironic that two weeks ago it was the only tabloid extolling the virtues of the EU. It is also the tabloid which did more than any other to bring down Terry Venables. Now we must see it praising Venables and deriding the Germans. What kind of paper has it become?"

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## New laws will curb asylum seekers' cash

By RICHARD FORD AND JILL SHERMAN

NEW laws are to be rushed through Parliament next week to overturn a Court of Appeal ruling that the Government acted illegally in cutting welfare benefits to asylum seekers.

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, said that urgent action was needed so that the ruling would not provide "a blank cheque for bogus asylum seekers".

But the move provoked furious protests from opposition parties and welfare groups. Some MPs described the plans as an abuse of process, and the measure is likely to face stiff opposition in the Lords. Last night angry opposition peers tried to suspend discussion of the Bill, but were defeated by 135 votes to 100.

Chris Smith, Shadow Social Security Secretary, said the decision to force through changes to the law "to get round an inconvenient decision by the courts" highlighted ministers' incompetence.

"In a supposedly civilised country, you are leaving people to starve. You have acted with both inhumanity and injustice. Will you now think again and abandon your foolish intention to legislate your way around the prob-

lem? Common humanity demands nothing else," he said.

The Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, which launched the court challenge, said the speed with which Mr Lilley planned to act was a moral outrage and proved how low the Government had sunk.

Daniel Machover, the solicitor representing Ms B, the 25-year-old woman at the centre of the court challenge, said: "It is a knee-jerk reaction. I do not know if Parliament will have a chance to consider carefully what the judges said."

Ministers will reinstate the benefit curbs by introducing a new clause during the third reading of the Asylum and Immigration Bill in the Lords on Monday. It will then be considered by the Commons, and is expected to become law by the third week in July. In a small concession, benefits were also withdrawn from those appealing against a decision to refuse them asylum.

But last Friday, Lord Justice Simon Brown said that Mr Lilley had exceeded his powers and that the withdrawal of benefits would leave some asylum seekers "so destitute that no civilised nation can tolerate it".

Ms B was smuggled out of prison in Zaire in February after being detained at her husband's funeral. Using false documents, she flew to Brussels, where she joined the Eurostar to Waterloo. She claimed asylum at the Home Office's immigration department in Croydon, but was refused benefits because she did not apply immediately.

Ms B spent her first nights in an emergency shelter and is now living in bed and breakfast accommodation.

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## Degree for student, 85

By PAUL WILKINSON

A FORMER aide-de-camp to the Queen is proving that even at 85 one can learn new tricks.

Next month Colonel George Widdowson will collect a degree in Spanish at Hull University, and, a few days later will marry his fiancée Mary Miller.

The colonel, a veteran of Dunkirk and Arnhem, started his studies 15 years ago after doctors treating a lung complaint advised him to winter in

climes more temperate than his native North Ferriby in east Yorkshire. "After a spell on the Costa del Sol I decided that I had better learn a word or two of the language," said the colonel, who was an ADC to the Queen for six years from 1960. He took evening classes at the university and, after his wife died in 1991, he joined a full-time degree course which involved spending a year at the University of Murcia in Spain. "I have always had a

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## Exit Agassi on 'graveyard' court

By JOHN GOODBODY  
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ANDRE AGASSI, the No.3 seed and the most charismatic figure in international tennis, was knocked out of the Wimbledon championships on the opening day of the men's singles by his fellow American Doug Flach, ranked 281 in the world.

Agassi, the 1992 champion, who was wearing a baggy pyjama-style zippered top and shorts, was upset on No.2

court, known as the "graveyard of champions". Flach won the match 2-6, 7-6 (7/1), 6-4, 7-6 (7/1).

The loss of Agassi is a blow to the championships, which desperately needs his skill and glamour to sustain popular interest in an event which is being overshadowed by Euro 96. However, the American showed little of his powerful service return and mobility around the court. Flach served ace after ace. As Agassi neared defeat in the fourth set, shrieks of "fight on

Andre, fight on" came from his fans, packed into the stands but it was all in vain.

Earlier on the same court, another American, Michael Chang, the No.6 seed, went out in four sets to Alberto Costa of Spain.

Monica Seles made a triumphant return to Wimbledon, saying she had no fears for her security at the tournament. She defeated Ann Grossman 6-1, 6-2.

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## 'Clapped-out old milker' finds few friends in his hour of need

For an appalling moment in the Commons yesterday, as Michael Jopling questioned the Prime Minister on the beef agreement at Florence, the nightmare seemed to be spiralling out of control. Mr Jopling, a former Conservative Agriculture Minister, asked about "the ultimate solution" for the British herd. Happily, we had mistaken his meaning.

The fate of poor Douglas Hogg, the Minister of Agriculture, seemed even more uncertain. We say "poor" advisedly,

for this is the word politicians use of other politicians whose life-support machines they have decided to cut off. The affection the word might imply if you or I used it is absent. To say "poor Mr Hogg" at Westminster is the equivalent of staring at your shoes and a low whistle at the sound of the name.

Question 1 to the Deputy Prime Minister brought Labour's Don Foster to his feet within minutes of kick-off. Foster dared Mr Heseltine to express confidence in Hogg.

"Where is he? Where is he?"

whom he called a "clapped-out old milker". Heseltine rode less than magnificently to his chum's defence, simply insisting, in tones of mild reproach, that everyone in the Cabinet was friends.

Minutes later, Simon Hughes (Lib Dem, Southwark & Bermondsey) told MPs that Mr Hogg was "in a huge hole". Tony Blair rose to allege that ministers were "hanging the poor Agriculture Minister out to dry, to get him to resign".

Labour backbenchers shied away from the word "milker", but the whiff of a huge hole, Tony Blair rose to become "dictators at home and appeasers abroad". Peter Pike (Lab, Burnley) prophesied "the slaughter of the Quislings". Mr Major was more prosaic. If people carry on demanding the Agriculture Minister's dis-

missal like this for much longer, poor Mr Hogg may survive, for John Major is one of those boys who won't be told.

There being little of note going on, Monday was a day for violent language, extravagant metaphor and personal remarks. Labour's Win Griffiths (Bridgend) accused

Michael Heseltine of having once "bailed out of the Army to fight a by-election". Nobody raised an eyebrow. Politics must be different in Wales, whose MPs seem to resort to impugning each other's honour almost before breakfast and the instant Prayers are over.

Sir Wyn Roberts (C, Conwy) accused Labour of shaping up to become "dictators at home and appeasers abroad". Peter Pike (Lab, Burnley) prophesied "the slaughter of the Agriculture Minister". David

Howell (C, Guildford) declared he detected "the whiff of sour grapes" among Labour.

The Liberal Democrat leader compared John Major with Chamberlain, then accused him of "a purile policy of posturing".

Blair told Major he was ("I may say") "utterly incompetent". "I may say" is Mr Blair's new buzz-phrase. Douglas Hurd called Mr Blair a confused mischief-maker.

It was, in short, another Monday. Nobody was hurt. Nothing happened. Nothing was said.

## Major resists call to sacrifice Hogg over beef war

By PHILIP WEBSTER  
POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR said yesterday that Britain would be ready for the lifting of most of the European Union beef ban by November as he tried to resist mounting Cabinet pressure for the sacking of Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister.

The Prime Minister won backing from Conservative MPs for the peace deal secured at Florence after telling them that the bans on meat from certified herds and young calves could be lifted as early as October and that on all animals aged under 30 months by the following month, opening the way for the resumption of exports worth £530 million a year.

The only remaining prohibition would be the export of meat from cattle aged over 30 months, the sale of which is also banned in the United Kingdom.

Mr Major put the cost of the crisis over the next three years at £2 billion. The figure is understood to include all compensation, and eradication measures.

His estimates of the time it would take Britain to fulfil the conditions required by Brussels to lift parts of the ban were met with deep scepticism by Labour. Conservative MPs, who also doubted whether Europe would act as swiftly as Mr Major hoped, were nevertheless pleased that they had been given a broad timescale to sell to their farmers and constituents.

Mr Major defended the Government's non-cooperative

Tory party activists are following their MPs in becoming more Eurosceptic. According to research published today, supporters are growing more hostile to the social chapter and a single currency. They are more supportive of a referendum on Europe and efforts to protect British fishing grounds. The findings come from analysis by the Bruges Group, the anti-EU lobby group, of motions submitted to Tory conferences since 1992.

Surprisingly, however, senior ministers continued to raise doubts about Mr Hogg's future and said that when the time came for Mr Major to look at his reshuffle he would be forced to conclude that Mr Hogg was not up to the job. MPs will focus on Mr Hogg in a Commons debate today when the Liberal Democrats argue a motion calling for a cut in the minister's salary.

Yesterday in the Commons Tony Blair said the Government had failed to intervene properly when the crisis flared, failed to compensate and inform farmers, failed to announce the link with Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease with any proper consultation, and failed to get the ban lifted.

"This has been an object lesson in this Government's capacity to turn any crisis into a catastrophe. And the truth is whatever fiasco you have today, the damage will be with this country for many years to come."

Mr Major is also said by colleagues to be irritated at attempts by some ministers to undermine the position of Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, by suggesting that she is at odds with the Prime Minister. Sources close to both Mrs Shephard and Mr Major de-

scribed the right-wing 92 Group of

colleagues to be irritated at attempts by some ministers to undermine the position of Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, by suggesting that she is at odds with the Prime Minister. Sources close to both Mrs Shephard and Mr Major de-



Douglas Hogg arriving in Luxembourg yesterday amid demands for his dismissal

George Walden, the former minister, who declared: "We have lost prestige, we have lost money and we have lost umpteen thousand more cows. If we feel big after that, we must have been feeling rather small before."

Mr Major admitted that the targets he had set were ambitious, "but it is now up to us and the farming and ancillary industries to ensure we meet them".

Tory Eurosceptics gave Mr Major broad support. The strongest attack came from

Tory MPs, urged Mr Major to use the non-cooperation tactics again if British interests are at risk. John Redwood, the former leadership challenger, urged Mr Major to use "equally persuasive ways" to raise the issues of the powers of the European Court of Justice and EU fisheries policy.

French farmers protesting

against the effects of BSE on the meat industry yesterday intercepted a British lorry containing frozen sheep carcasses and opened the doors of the vehicle, rendering the meat unsaleable. The lorry, one of dozens stopped by 60 farmers, near Bressuire, Poitou, was en route from Wales.

## Degree for man, 85

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very full life, but I do not like to be mentally idle. The degree has been a very useful way to occupy my time." Of his fellow students, he says: "They were marvellous. They made me feel as if I was one of them."

His life has already encompassed two successful careers, the first as a soldier, the second as a banker. He was commissioned into the Green Howards in 1931 as a 20-year-old subaltern and later transferred to the Parachute Regiment. After the war he joined the Territorials, becoming first Colonel of 25 Engineer group and later Chief Engineer with the 51st Highland Division. Col Widdowson was appointed first MBE and then a CBE for his military service.

In civilian life he joined Barclays Bank and was chairman of the Association of Hull Clearing Banks from 1956 to 1963. He also served as a

magistrate in Birmingham and was a deputy Lord Lieutenant for the West Midlands. His fiancée, Mary, was a colleague at the bank and a long-time family friend.

"I proposed to her on her 69th birthday last May, but I was in the middle of exams and we could not make any plans." It will be a church wedding and his son Howard, 56, a senior bank official in Warwickshire will be his best man.

He has known his bride since the 1950s when she worked as his secretary. "She was a great friend of my family, including my first wife who was also called Mary. When I retired in 1969 we lost contact apart from exchanging Christmas cards and the odd letter, but about three years ago I got in touch. Our friendship blossomed and I moved to North Ferriby because she had a home there too."

## Uniformity in state education will end, Shephard pledges

By JOHN O'LEARY  
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COMPREHENSIVE schools on uniform lines will become a thing of the past under the Government's plans for more selection. Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, writes today in *The Times*.

A White Paper to be published this afternoon will endorse successful comprehensive education. But Mrs Shephard says in her article "One single type of school cannot fully meet all the varied abilities, aptitudes, interests and needs of our children."

Government proposals will allow grant-maintained and local authority schools to select more pupils, as well as clearing the way to meeting the Prime Minister's target of there being a grammar school

in every town. Comprehensive schools are created by parental demand, and remain driven by it," the spokesman said. "There is no point in schools rushing into selection if parents don't want it. If they did, they would have been pushing for harder for it."

Out of the 1,034 grant-maintained schools established so far, only 41 have sought permission to select the 10 per cent currently allowed. Of these, 35 select not on academic ability but aptitude for music and drama.

David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, said: "The agency agrees with Labour that there is no demand for an increase in selection, and confirms our view that this could be a substantial vote-loser for the Tories." However, Conservative strate-

gists are convinced that Labour is vulnerable on selection following the decision to Hartman Harman, the Shadow Health Secretary, to send her son to a grammar school.

The White Paper will propose that grant-maintained schools are allowed to select up to half their intake by ability or aptitude, compared with a new limit of 20 per cent in the maintained sector.

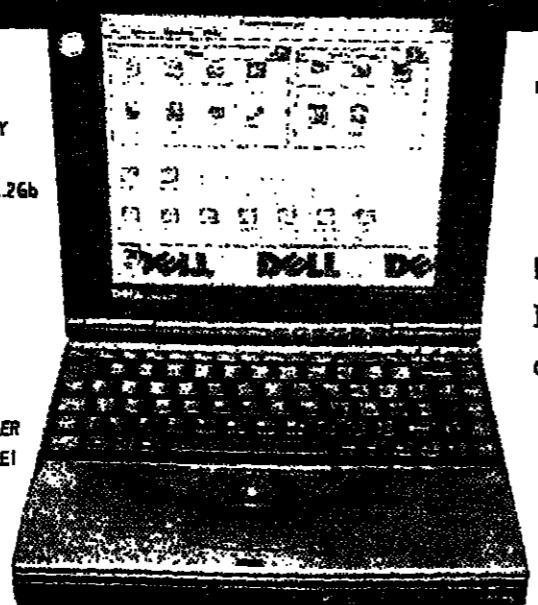
□ Pupils awarded top grades in tests for seven-year-olds were facing results yesterday because their results were considered to be too good. Oxfordshire County Council ordered the re-takes because scores in mathematics and English at Stephen Freeman County Primary School, Didcot, were inconsistent with expectations.

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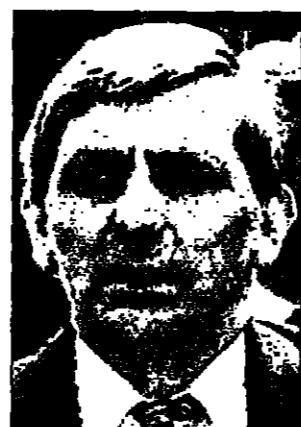
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Police filmed teenagers buying drinks

## Under-age 'sting' robs Sainsbury's store of licence

By PAUL WILKINSON



A SAINSBURY'S store lost its licence to sell alcohol yesterday after the police sent under-age teenagers into the store and secretly filmed them buying drinks.

The police set up what is thought to be the first such operation if its kind after complaints of drunkenness and bad behaviour among youngsters attending a disco near the out-of-town store at Monk's Cross, Huntington, York. Some of the children's parents had also complained.

After the decision by licensing justices at Easingwold, North Yorkshire, Sainsbury's complained about the way in which the police operation had been carried out. A spokesman said: "We are very disappointed by the result. We would prefer to work with police and help officers with their duties."

"We will be asking the Home Office to look at the whole issue of this police exercise and we will be appealing."

Richard Green, who presented the police case, said the police's methods could not be condemned as they had acted in the public interest. "The police scheme was 100 per cent successful and showed 100 per cent negligence by Sainsbury's."

After the operation earlier this year, Sainsbury's sacked the two cashiers involved but was accused of making them scapegoats for the faults of senior management. PC Stuart Outhwaite, who led the operation, said: "The people holding the licences should be in control and take responsibility. Despite an excellent training package with Sains-

Sainsbury's for 32 years, should take responsibility.

James Rankin, for Sainsbury's, told the court that the company was deeply embarrassed by its appearance there and an apology had been made for selling the drinks to teenagers.

Sainsbury's admitted that the manager must accept responsibility but he could not control how fully-trained staff acted all the time. Robert Brooks, the store's deputy manager, said they had never had any problems with under-age sales.

The regional director, Peter Guildford, said managers should take responsibility, but in this case procedures had been followed and there was no way they could have done more.

Bob Eccles, the chairman of the licensing bench, said: "We are not satisfied that the store exercised due diligence on these occasions. There is great public concern about under-age drinking and this bench has strict views on these matters."

A company spokesman said no decision would be taken on the future of Mr Hogsden and Mr Brooks until after the appeal.

A spokesman for Tesco said last night: "We have measures in place to ensure that we do not sell alcohol to under-age customers. These include strict staff training and instructions to staff that they are to refuse to sell to any customers who appear to be under age."

A spokeswoman for Safeway said: "We have our own in-store policies which are intended to ensure that such a thing could not happen in any of our stores."



Sister Margaret Mary, left. Mrs Trevisan, and New Hall School, above, where fees are up to £10,000 a year

## Nun and teacher clashed at church school

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A DWINDLING number of nuns and monks teach in British schools, many for no salary. Religious orders find it hard to recruit novices and Catholic schools have suffered. Little more than 1,000 members of religious orders have full-time teaching posts. Some schools have closed and others have increased their proportion of lay staff.

Lord in Jerusalem, which runs the school. At one stage, another staff member alleged that an after-school club which Mrs Trevisan helped to set up for language students was an excuse for the girls to buy cakes at a supermarket.

The story of strife at the school, where the fees are up

to £10,000 a year, emerged when Mrs Trevisan, 50, claimed unfair dismissal. The dispute began after she was diagnosed as suffering from reactive depression caused by overwork in November 1993. While she was sick, Sister Margaret Mary allegedly interfered with her doctor's

prognosis, writing to ask him for a medical report and threatening her with dismissal. After her return, she said pressure was increased when she discovered she would also be teaching German.

Last year, Mrs Trevisan was told she had been provisionally selected for redundancy with an offer of £4,925 after 22 years' service. She alleged that a "kangaroo court" of governors heard her final appeal against dismissal. Mrs Trevisan told the tribunal at Bury St Edmunds: "I just want my job back." The tribunal reserved judgment.

## Lone sailor survives collision in Atlantic storm

By TIM JONES

A LONE sailor last night described his ordeal after his yacht sank in huge seas in the mid-Atlantic within minutes of being holed in a collision.

Peter Crowther, 54, was in the chartroom of his 42 ft yacht, *Galway Blazer*, when it hit an unidentified object, making it shudder from stern to bow.

With seconds to spare as the yacht began to break up, Mr Crowther, a publican from Stoke Fleming, Devon, switched on an emergency distress signal before scrambling into his liferaft.

The QE2 and other ships in the area, about 700 miles from Land's End, changed course and an RAF Nimrod aircraft from Kinloss was sent to help. After seven hours at sea, Mr Crowther was rescued by *Atlantic Compass*, a Swedish container ship.

He said last night that although a force seven wind was creating a heavy swell he had been untroubled before disaster struck his junk-rigged schooner. "I was bathe along very well and deciding whether or not to have a grapefruit for breakfast. Suddenly, there was a huge bang and the ship shuddered. It was as though someone had punched a hatch-sized hole into the hull. I realised I had only seconds to act. As soon as I was clear of the yacht I saw it disappear beneath the waves. It could only have taken a couple of minutes."

Mr Crowther had left Plymouth nine days before, one of more than 50 competitors in the One-Star Single-handed Transatlantic Yacht Race to Newport, Rhode Island. He is now on his way to Halifax, Nova Scotia. His wife Alix, who runs the Green Dragon public house at Stoke Fleming, said: "Until I heard he was safe it was the worst day of my life."

## The cream of tradition wins at Wimbledon

By JOANNA BALE

WIMBLEDON fans stuck to cream with their strawberries yesterday, rather than choosing an American-style "healthy alternative" that was available at the championship for the first time in its 119-year history.

It may have been tradition that led them to avoid pouring low-fat, frozen vanilla yoghurt over their bowls. Or it may have been the extra charge of £1 on top of paying £1.80 for a punnet of ten strawberries — already up 5p from last year. The customary calorie-laden, artery-clogging single cream was free.

A spokesman for Town and County, Wimbledon's caterers, said: "We decided to break with tradition and offer this for the first time because we felt that there was a demand for a healthier option." According to sales assistants, fewer than one in ten requested it yesterday.

The Mon Glacé frozen yoghurt, made in England by Glasay, has half the calories and a third of the fat of single cream.

Glasay's owner, Katy Somabend, said: "We started making it four years ago before anyone had heard of it over here. It is an American invention and we are delighted to be selling it at such a prestigious event."

One who did indulge was Karen Mashford, an auditor, of Crawley, West Sussex, who said: "I love frozen yoghurt. It tastes creamy but it's much healthier. Last year I had cream, but now it's nice to

The All England Club was forced to increase security for Monica Seles's return to Wimbledon after a four-year break caused by her stabbing by a spectator at a German tournament. During her practice session at Wimbledon Park, she was protected by four security guards provided by the club. An All England spokesman declined to comment further, saying: "We have an arrangement with Miss Seles, but we cannot discuss details."

More Wimbledon traditions remained intact with seeds being knocked out on the opening day, and with disappointment for British players. Jeremy Bates was defeated.

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Kornelia and Joseph Ploch, in a picture taken in 1947

## Murdered pair were war refugees

By ADRIAN LEE

AN ELDERLY couple found murdered at their home came to Britain from eastern Europe as refugees after the war and felt they owed this country a debt of gratitude. The couple, from Lvov, formerly in Poland, had survived the Second World War in separate prison camps before settling in England.

The bodies of Joseph Ploch, 86, and his wife Kornela, 82, who were both suffocated, had been undiscovered for almost a week, police said yesterday. It is believed they died when Mrs Ploch disturbed an intruder at their home of more than 30 years, in Fulham, west London.

Both victims were bound hand and foot with adhesive tape. Mrs Ploch suffered

severe facial injuries before she was smothered with items of clothing, while her husband was suffocated with a pillow. Detectives believe the motive was theft.

Mrs Ploch was last seen alive on June 16. Neighbours became concerned, and alerted police on Saturday. Officers found Mrs Ploch's body lying in the kitchen. Her husband, who had a heart condition, was found in his bed.

Detective Superintendent Brian Edwards, who is leading the investigation, said: "They were frail and defenceless and, I think, incapable of putting up a fight." If anyone had any information about the killer there was no excuse not to come forward.

"They were killed in a deliberate and calculated manner. There was nothing of

great value in the house, only a lifetime's possessions," Mr Edwards said.

Police were trying to establish details of how the couple lived. Mr Edwards described them as a private couple with no relatives in Britain. A niece lives in Canada.

Helena Pasek, the victim's best friend, said that the couple had been sent to prison camps when the Soviet Union occupied eastern Poland at the beginning of the war, leaving a young daughter behind. After their release they left Poland, where their daughter still lives, and settled in Britain in 1947. Mr Ploch, once a history professor, trained as a draughtsman and worked hard to build a comfortable life. His wife was a dressmaker.

The couple loved their adopted country, Mrs Pasek, 75, said. "They were very grateful to Britain for the new life it had given them. She loved the Queen and the Queen Mother. The increasing violence never concerned them. It would have been impossible for them to put up a fight so there was no reason to kill them."

Suzanne Woodburn, a neighbour, said: "They were a gentle couple who were quite withdrawn but friendly. I would see her outside her house picking the green off the roses."

Another neighbour, Kirsty Smallwood, said: "I never saw anyone going in to the house. He was always tinkering with his car. There have been a lot of burglaries round here but that is very different from suffocating two old people."



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# Flags are out for Terry, England and St George

By ROBIN YOUNG

ENGLAND'S Euro 96 success has led to the rediscovery of a flag that a generation had almost forgotten.

The semi-final place for Terry Venables' team has created a boom in demand for the patriotic symbol. "We did not sell a single St George's flag for St George's Day this year. But now there is tremendous demand," Janet Elms of RME Local Marketing, at Hampton, southwest London, said. "We will probably sell at least ten times the number of St George's flags that we sold all last year."

The company supplies "art silk" printed flags, ideal for parading at matches or hanging from windows, at £15 for the 5ft by 3ft size. "We are very imperial here," Mrs Elms explained. "We have no truck with metres."

The firm is also producing St George's T-shirts and polo shirts at £15 each. "But we are having difficulty getting more supplies. People are going to manufacturers and buying up everything," she said.

Chris Penman, of the House of Flags at Kimbolton, Cambridgeshire, said: "Last year, even with the VE-Day commemoration, we sold only about 4,000 St George's flags. The English, as a nation are not very patriotic. Until now a lot of people did not even know what a St George's flag looked like, but since Saturday afternoon we have been devoting the whole of our production staff and all the outworkers we can find, all working overtime. Fans have suddenly woken up to the fact that it is St George for England."

As well as big banners, up to 50 metres by 15 metres, the House of Flags is supplying thousands of flags two metres by three metres at £80 each, and tens of thousands for hand-waving at 50p each.

At Gaffney of Tiptree, in Essex, staff have worked through the weekend to produce nearly 200,000 extra plastic bowler hats with the St George's cross on them. Dennis Payne, sales and marketing director, said: "It has to be St George because it does not go down well with the Scots if you use the Union Jack at an

England match. Though we started with what we thought were ambitious schemes for products, that has all become small beer now."

Keith Drinkwater, of Big Sport, the company in charge of official Euro 96 merchandising, said: "It is very important for business that the home team does well. We are selling T-shirts, scarves, hats, caps, flags, badges and all sorts of supporters' items, but the uptake from the visiting teams has been rather disappointing. It is the England fans who make all the difference. I want an England versus France final."

At Spectrum Graphics in Kingston upon Thames, southwest London, business is also hectic. "We do flags in woven polyester at £3 for a 6ft by 3ft or £45 for 8ft by 5ft," James Tolley said. "But with only a two-day turnaround there is no way we are going to meet all the demand."

Only Big Sport admitted to having taken orders for the German "weiss-rot-gelb." "What's that?" Mr Penman asked. "Anyone wanting one of those had better write in under plain cover," Mrs Elms advised. Mr Drinkwater, of Big Sport, said: "I think the Germans will have bought most of their equipment at home. They have not been very big customers so far."

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Sam Blake, 20, adorning herself in the rallying symbol in Carnaby Street yesterday

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# Semi-final strip puts home team in a grey area

By JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND will have to play in their "anonymous grey" reserve strip in tomorrow's Euro 96 semi-final against Germany, it was decided yesterday.

Germany will play in their traditional white shirts, the same as England's first colour, in the repeat of the 1966 World Cup final, which England won 4-2. England lost their chance of playing in white when the two countries drew lots at a London hotel yesterday under the eyes of officials of Uefa, the European governing body.

Although Umbro, the manufacturer, insist that the colour of England's second strip is "indigo blue", it has been labelled "anonymous grey" by critics, who say it pales in comparison to their traditional reserve strip of red shirts and white shorts.

Gail Stephenson, head of the orthoptics department at Liverpool University, said: "This colour is unsuitable because professional footballers extract a great deal of information from their peripheral visual field. This field has a poorer ability to detect colour and contrast than your central visual field. Therefore, players need a very bright or highly contrasting colour against the dark background of a crowd."

John Barbur, a professor of optic and visual science at the City University, London, said that grey was one of the hardest colours to spot because it was a poor reflector of light.

Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said: "We are not unhappy. We are not persuaded by this argument about the colour. We have a 100 per cent record in this kit. And when we played in our usual white kit against West Germany in the 1970 World Cup, we were beaten."

Terry Venables, the England coach, and Trevor Phillips, the FA's former commercial director, who resigned last month, discussed the choice of kit with the design department of Umbro.

Simon Marsh, the Umbro promotions manager, said: "The FA was consulted all the way. However, we are receptive to people's views and if the kit does not prove popular, we will consider changing it after the customary two years of its life." Umbro's contract with England expires in 1998.

Once submitted to Uefa, the kit cannot be altered for the tournament. Lillywhite's of Piccadilly said yesterday that it had sold "thousands" of the first-choice England kit but "fewer than 100" of the reserve strip.

David Seaman will also be forced to wear a goalkeeping strip that Mr Phillips described as making the Arsenal player look "like a tube of Refreshers" when England played Bulgaria in April.

## Girls face 20 years in Italian prison

By RICHARD OWEN IN ROME AND KATHRYN KNIGHT

TWO British teenagers arrested for alleged drug offences in Rome face up to 20 years in prison if convicted, Italian police said yesterday.

Marianne Platt, 16, and Melanie Jackson, 19, are accused of possessing and importing 4kg of pure heroin worth £600,000. Friends of Miss Platt, a drama student, spoke of their shock at her arrest. Her mother, Jackie King, was preparing to fly to Italy yesterday. Miss Jackson's family, from Hove, East Sussex, have hired a private detective to travel to Italy. The police said there was

evidence that the girls had been associating with Nigerian drug dealers. "They seem to have got into bad company," one officer said. "What we have to decide is whether it amounted to more than that."

If a court decided the girls were not part of an organised gang, the sentence would be cut to eight to ten years. This would be halved if they were felt to have co-operated fully.

The girls, who had been tracked by Interpol, arrived from Istanbul on June 6 and were arrested the next day near Naples. A Nigerian and an Italian were also held.

British Embassy officials said that the girls were in good health. Michael Burgoyne, British vice-consul in Naples, said: "They have told me they did not know their luggage contained drugs."

Miss Platt gained 12 GCSEs at The Brit School of Performing Arts in Selhurst, southeast London. She left in July.

## Young learn tricks of TV advertising

By ALEXANDRA FREAN

PARENTS are more likely to be duped by television commercials for toys than their children, according to research published yesterday.

A study by the Independent Television Commission found that most children display a "consistently higher level of advertising literacy" than adults.

Children as young as nine are skilled at distinguishing reality from fantasy in advertisements and easily understand a range of special effects and devices used by toy advertisers, the report concludes. As a result, they are less likely than their parents to be disappointed when they get the product.

The report concluded that many parents were cynical about advertisements that made exaggerated claims and tended to be overprotective of their children in a way that might not be necessary.

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The best time to exercise is between 5pm and 7pm. Flexibility, speed, strength and dexterity are all better in the late afternoon, early evening. At this time your body can do more for less effort and is also more likely to benefit from it. *If you're ever driving through Scotland you must try and pay a visit to the 'Electric Brae' near Croy, in Ayrshire. It's a 400 yard stretch of the A719, nine miles south of Ayr, between Alloway and Turnberry, with a strange claim to fame. The road actually slopes downhill but, due to a natural optical illusion, it looks like you're going uphill. Should you stop the car, get out and release the handbrake, it looks to all the world like your car is slowly rolling UPHILL, all by itself. Equally spooky is the burn by the side of the road where the water acts in exactly the same way. It really is Mother Nature at her most playful.*

Scampi is actually a plural word. So, for the record, should you find yourself in a pub beer garden unable to quite finish your scampi-in-a-basket, the correct phrase for the occasion is, "It's no good...it was delicious, but I just can't quite manage that last scampo."

**OLD ASPIRINS CAN MAKE A HEADACHE WORSE BECAUSE THE CHEMICALS BREAK DOWN WITH TIME.**

*Dallas DJ Ron Chapman told listeners to his show that if they sent him \$20 he would send them nothing by return. A week later he had received over \$240,000. (You never know, WILL LAST 2-3 YEARS change it to £10, take out an ad in all the newspapers, and...well, you never know.)*

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## Hard life and low pay take their toll on British women

By IAN MURRAY  
COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH women work harder for less money, have more children, head more one-parent families and die sooner than any of their counterparts in western Europe.

A survey of the latest European statistics, published yesterday, shows that they marry earlier and are more likely to divorce than their peers, which is why Britain has the highest level of one-parent families in the European Union.

Even in education they appear worse off, being less likely to go to university than women in any other major European nation except Germany.

The figures suggest that the battle for women's rights in Britain is far from won. Steve Cordingley, of Market Assessment Publications, which carried out the research, said: "Women in Britain certainly seem to be getting a rough deal compared to those in other countries. They may be taking a leading role in things like workers' rights, but they seem to be paying the price for it when it comes to life expectancy."

The average female life expectancy in the EU is 79.4 years, whereas in Britain it is 79. A French woman can expect to live for 81.4 years and a Spaniard until she is 81. In contrast British men have one of the higher life expectancies, 73.6 years, compared with an average of 73 across the EU and 72.6 in Germany. The

redundant men in their 50s are the main victims of sex discrimination in job recruitment, the Equal Opportunities Commission reports. Last year men outnumbered women by 820 to 805 in such complaints for the first time in the 20 years of the Sex Discrimination Act. The change follows a shift from jobs in heavy industry to part-time, female-dominated work. Once at work, complaints from women outnumber men's.

Employment statistics show that British women are easily the most likely to have a job. Compared with an EU average of 55.2 per cent in work, in Britain 65.9 per cent have a job. In Germany, even after unification, the rate is only 60.7 per cent, closely followed by France, where 59.6 per cent of women work. The figure drops to 42.2 per cent in Italy.

British women are much more likely to work part-time (45 per cent) than anywhere else in the EU. Part-timers are paid less and tend to be women from poorer households. Whereas full-timers tend to be married to men who work full time, wives of the unemployed or single mothers are likely to be unemployed or at best holding a part-time job.

British women are keenest in the EU to marry. They are the youngest brides, averaging 25.6 years, compared with 26.1 in France and 25.9 across

the EU. They then tend either to have more children than in any other country or, in larger numbers than anywhere else, to have no children at all. The childless couple is the most common type of household in Britain, at 34 per cent. At the same time the British fertility rate of 1.75 children per woman is now the highest in the EU. In Italy only 26 per cent of couples are childless compared with an EU average of 34 per cent and a British figure of 39 per cent.

British women are twice as likely to get divorced than in any of the other countries. Four British marriages in seven end in divorce, compared with an EU average of one in three. This means that the proportion of one-parent families in Britain is again the highest in the EU, with 14 per cent of children being brought up by one adult, compared with 10 per cent in France and Spain. The EU average is 11 per cent.

□ European Lifestyles (Market assessment Publications Ltd, 4 Crinan Street, London, N1 9SQ; £495)



Dancers leap at African reprise

DANCERS from the Royal Ballet are heading again for a makeshift stage in Africa despite misgivings from the company's management (Dalya Alberge writes).

After the success of a visit to Kenya two years ago when they performed with local tribal dancers, above, 18 of the company's young dancers are using a fortnight's holiday in August to raise money for Kenya's Wildlife

Service and an orphanage school in Nairobi. They will be presenting excerpts at five engagements and are at pains to say that it is not an official Royal Ballet tour. But Anthony Dowell, the company's artistic director, discourages dancers from performing during a holiday. He prefers

them to rest, as injuries could prevent them from appearing in the next season. Rosalind Eyre, the company's ballet mistress, who is co-ordinating the tour, said that nobody was hurt during the earlier Kenyan tour, although she conceded that dozens of dancers are injured every year. One of

the group's performances will be staged against a backdrop of thorn trees and Mount Kilimanjaro. Ms Eyre described the exhilaration of performing with Masai dancers. "Last time, our boys were lifting their boys, showing them how to do pirouettes.

"They were teaching us how to jump without a plié, bouncing like rubber balls. They are the most charming people, with fantastic rhythm."

## TV actresses have to play macho roles



Television actresses are underpaid and forced to play traditionally "male" roles such as prison governors and tough detectives, the actors' union Equity said yesterday. Charlotte Cornwell, Equity's vice-president, left, said that "women in man's world" dramas had done little to improve the image of women in society or to enhance their prospects in the profession. Television actresses earn, on average, 15 per cent less than actors, a report by Dr Helen Thomas, of Goldsmiths College, London, said.

## Dogs trapped for month in warren

By PAUL WILKINSON

TWO Jack Russell terriers have been rescued after being trapped in a rabbit hole for almost a month. Gertie, four, and her two-year-old daughter Lillie survived on a diet of worms and rainwater washed down the hole during two thunderstorms.

Pam Ashworth, their owner, had given up hope of seeing the dogs again after she and her husband Grant spent ten days searching without success around Allansbrook barracks at Topcliffe, North Yorkshire, where the dogs had disappeared.

At home with them at Cold Kirby yesterday, Mrs Ashworth said: "I just cannot believe they managed to stay alive for so long. When they were examined by the vet he said they would have survived just a couple more days before dying."

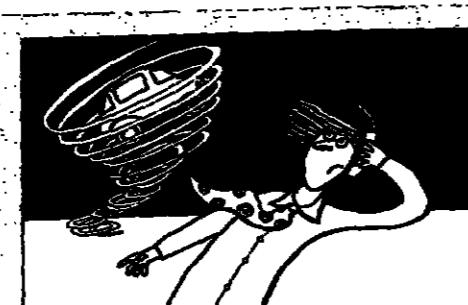
The dogs disappeared on May 23 while playing on land at the barracks' Saddle Club, where Mrs Ashworth is a

civilian horse-riding instructor. She said: "I must have shouted down every rabbit hole but to no avail. We even had the army tracker dogs out sniffing, but with no sign I had just about given up hope."

On June 16, Zeena Parkin, a fellow instructor, was grooming her horse when she heard a faint yelping. She traced it to a hole covered by a large boulder and when she pulled it aside she could hear dogs barking.

She enlisted help from two soldiers who dug 10ft before they reached the animals. Mrs Ashworth, 42, said: "It really is incredible that they have managed to survive so long. Luckily there have been two very heavy thunderstorms so they have had regular drips of water."

The vet believes they have been eating soil and worms, which are apparently very nutritious. We think they went down one rabbit hole and then got lost in a big warren."



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Non-vegetarian v vegetarian diet	3.08	Heart disease	<i>American Journal of Clinical Nutrition</i> , Vol. 31, p. S191 (1978)
Frequently cooking with rapeseed oil	2.80	Lung cancer	<i>International Journal of Cancer</i> , Vol. 40, p. 604 (1987)
Drinking 1-2 glasses of whole milk per day	1.62	Lung cancer	<i>International Journal of Cancer</i> , Vol. 43, p. 608 (1989)
Eating one biscuit a day	1.49	Heart disease	<i>Lancet</i> , Vol. 341, p. 581 (1993)
Drinking chlorinated water	1.38	Rectal cancer	<i>American Journal of Public Health</i> , Vol. 82, p. 955 (1992)
Eating pepper frequently	1.30	Mortality	<i>American Journal of Epidemiology</i> , Vol. 119, p. 775 (1984)
Exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke	1.19	Lung cancer	<i>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</i> (1992)
High vegetable diet	0.37	Lung cancer	<i>International Journal of Epidemiology</i> , Vol. 25, Suppl.1, p. 32 (1996)
High fruit diet	0.31	Lung cancer	<i>American Journal of Epidemiology</i> , Vol. 133, p. 683 (1991)

\*Relative risk measures how much consuming, or being exposed to something, raises or lowers risk.  
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Greenpeace activists involved in yesterday's conservation protest stretching from Scotland to British shelves.

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On Sunday peace diggers with home-made grappling hooks prevent sand eggs from being thrown away.

Greenpeace fishing boats jeopardising commercial feed on the sand eggs are used to fertilise sand eggs.

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## Greenpeace clashes with Danes in North Sea war

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH AND ROBIN YOUNG

DANISH fishermen and Greenpeace activists were involved in violent clashes yesterday in a growing conservation war that is stretching from the North Sea to British supermarket shelves.

The environmentalists claim their vessel was rammed and flares were fired at their dinghies as they protested over the "hoovering" of sand eels from the Firth of Forth. A Royal Navy ship has been sent to the area to keep a watch.

On Sunday four Greenpeace dinghies were attacked with home-made spears and grappling hooks, and four activists who were trying to prevent the fishing were thrown into the water. None was hurt.

Greenpeace says that the fishing, which is legal, is jeopardising sea birds and commercial fish stocks which feed on the sand eels. The eels are used for animal feeds, fertilisers and fish oil for margarine and biscuits. Al-

ready the Co-op, Sainsbury's and Tesco have said they will take all foods containing North Sea fish oil off their shelves. Unilever, maker of four fifths of Britain's margarine, and United Biscuits have said they will stop handling North Sea fish oil in their factories.

Scottish fishermen are concerned that the reduction in stocks of sand eels by industrial fishing boats is becoming so severe that it threatens a further crash in the populations of "table" fish such as cod, haddock, whiting and mackerel, as well as the future of salmon, sea trout, sea birds and sea mammals.

Greenpeace says that out of 700,000 tonnes of the finger-length fish hoovered up in fine mesh nets from the North Sea each year, 115,000 tonnes come from Wee Bankie in the Firth of Forth, the area involved in the current conflict. Factories turning sand eels into fish oil offer £50 to £60 a tonne for the catch.

Yesterday afternoon there was a stand-off as the fishermen and activists decided on their next course of action, after Greenpeace said that its ship MV *Sirius* was rammed about 9am by the *Mette Eliassen*, one of ten Danish vessels involved in industrial fishing in the area. Phil Alkmann, on board *Sirius*, said: "There have been frightening moments. We are determined to continue our action."

A spokesman for the Scottish Office said the Royal Navy vessel HMS *Shetland* had been sent to the area under the control of the Fisheries Protection Agency. It will keep a watching brief on the situation.

Danish industrial fishing spokesmen deny their activities harm cod or haddock stocks. They blame the decline in populations on traditional trawlers.

At present only the sand-eel fisheries around Shetland are regulated. The sandy bottomed fisheries in the Firth of Forth come under the European Union's Common Fishery Policy, which guarantees equal access to all EU nations.

Greenpeace is calling on the Government to introduce regulations and has urged Danish and British fishing vessels to stay at least 30 miles away from the shore. Robbie Kelman, a Greenpeace spokesman, said: "A total of 2.2 million tonnes of fish is taken from British waters each year. Of that, around half is industrial fishing and of that sand eels account for almost three quarters of the total stock."

Earlier this year the Fife Fish Producers Association appealed to the Government to limit sand-eel fishing in the Firth of Forth, claiming the livelihoods of 140 fishermen were at risk because of the effects on stocks of white fish for human consumption.

There was also concern yesterday over the Greenpeace tactics. Robert Allan, of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation, said he was aware of the concerns about sand-eel fishing and his organisation was closely monitoring the situation, but the Danish fishermen were fishing legally. "What we are concerned about is an unfeasted body such as Greenpeace interfering in this way. It could be our turn next."

The central fears of the Greenpeace campaign are shared by other conservation groups. Dr Euan Dunn, a biologist with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, said: "Sand eels are the lynch pin of the food chain in the North Sea, yet they are the only fish species for which no limit to the catch has been set."

Commercial fishing of sand eels was banned for four years around the Shetland Islands after the species had been virtually eliminated, leading to successive years of breeding failure among local seabirds. Stocks recovered sufficiently for the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea to allow limited local catches. Sea-bird populations have begun to recover.



Tourists like this group from California will be discouraged from touching whales

## Moral censure by Britain angers whaling nations

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN will not back the resumption of whale hunting in the foreseeable future because it is cruel and unnecessary, the Government announced yesterday.

At the opening of the International Whaling Commission's annual meeting in Aberdeen, a minister said for the first time that the worldwide ban was supported on ethical rather than scientific grounds. Japan and Norway, which want immediate resumption of hunting of some species, reacted by calling for Britain's resignation from the commission.

The Government is to press the commission to focus on non-fatal ways of utilising whales, such as tourism. At the meeting, a tough code of conduct for holiday companies running whale-watching trips was put forward.

Britain's announcement yesterday challenged the 50-year-old international treaty intended to govern the management of the world's whale stocks so that they can be exploited by current and future generations.

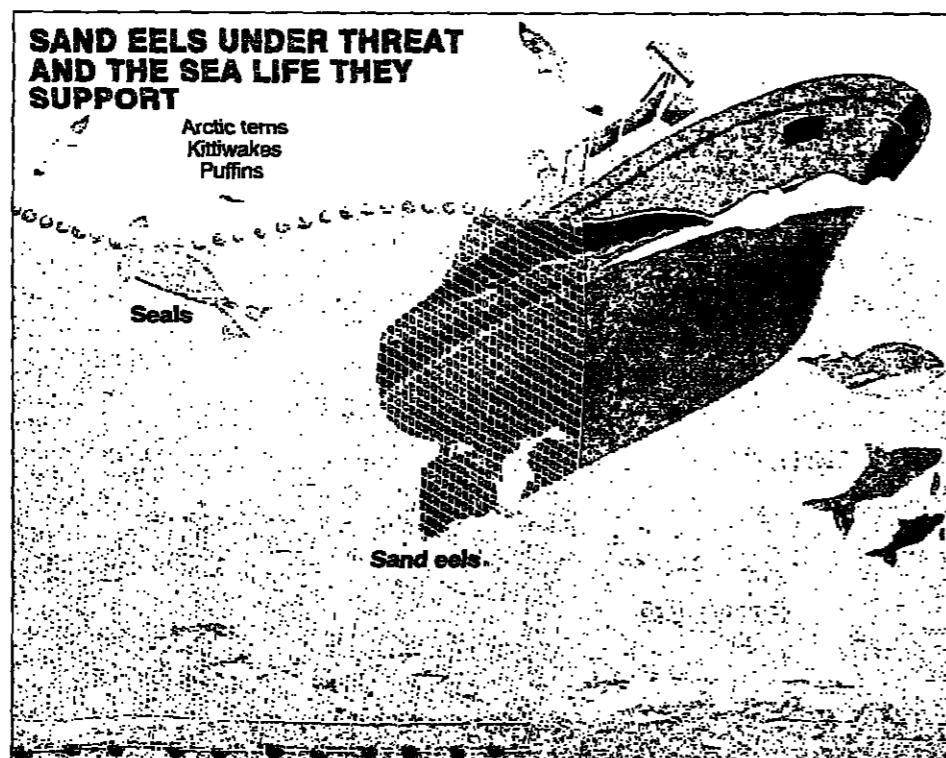
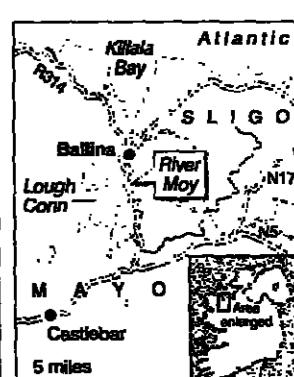
Norway and Japan say that the minke, the smallest of the great whales, is now so abundant that they can be hunted without endangering stocks. Norway's estimate of the minke population in the northeast Atlantic has been accepted by the commission's scientists.

But Tony Baldry, the Fisheries Minister, said: "The Government has now concluded that there are wider reasons for opposing commercial whaling. It meets no pressing nutritional, economic or social needs... the UK does not accept that because

something can be exploited on a sustainable basis, it must be exploited. No one in Norway is going to go hungry if they can't kill whales."

Ivor Llewellyn, the British commissioner, was doubtful that the minke could be hunted commercially without rarer species being slaughtered mistakenly or illegally. Britain's position is backed by The Netherlands, Australia and New Zealand.

The commission's code of conduct for holiday firms follows evidence that unregulated mammal-watching is altering the behaviour of whales, dolphins and porpoises. Conservationists have backed whale-watching as a money-making alternative to hunting for coastal communities. But it may be interfering with fertility and the animals' ability to forage for food.



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Airline switches troubled jet after protests

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT  
AIR CORRESPONDENT

AN AIRLINE chartered a replacement jet yesterday after passengers refused to board an aircraft with technical problems.

The McDonnell Douglas DC-10, operated by Excalibur Airways of Derby, was involved in two similar incidents in Orlando two weeks ago when passengers also refused to board.

It was due to fly from Manchester to Orlando on Sunday when it was delayed by a series of problems. The first delay was caused by a cracked windscreen, which was replaced. As passengers began taking their seats, a fault with the anti-skid braking system was discovered. Then, after that was repaired and the jet was taxiing for take-off, the pilot reported a warning light indicating a serious engine problem.

Checks showed this was a false alarm but passengers had to be taken to hotels while engineers tried to trace the problem. A noise curfew in the early hours meant it was impossible to carry out full engine "run-up" tests, so a decision was taken to bring in a replacement aircraft.

Scott Keenan, 28, an accountant from Leeds, said: "Everyone was really worried about getting back on that plane. We said that we wanted them to charter a plane to get us to Florida, and we're very relieved they have."

Tracy Ramsay, of Rochdale, Greater Manchester, who was travelling with her partner, Ged, and her brother and sister, said: "There's no way I would have got back on the plane."

Excalibur praised the pilot and said that he was simply being prudent in not taking off when there were apparent faults. The aircraft's owner, Henry Fabry of Skylet, said that it was in extremely good condition and had been fully maintained.

## New RAF missile will cut risks to crew and plane

BY MICHAEL EVANS  
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT



Portillo to announce order worth £650m

THE RAF is to be provided with a cruise missile that can be fired 300 miles from the target and still guarantee a direct hit. An order worth £650 million is to be announced by Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, next month.

Seven consortiums are competing for the contract to supply the RAF with the missile, although the procurement battle appears to be narrowing to three front-runners: one American and two European — all of them with strong British involvement.

The new conventionally armed stand-off missile, Casom, will greatly reduce the risks faced by RAF frontline bomber crews, who have to release their bombs close to the target.

A single Casom weapon costing an estimated £100,000 to £200,000 will have the destructive power of about three or four of today's 1,000 lb laser-guided bombs, each of which costs £25,000.

The high cost of the safety missile will be offset by savings. At present, an RAF bombing mission to destroy a hardened target could involve

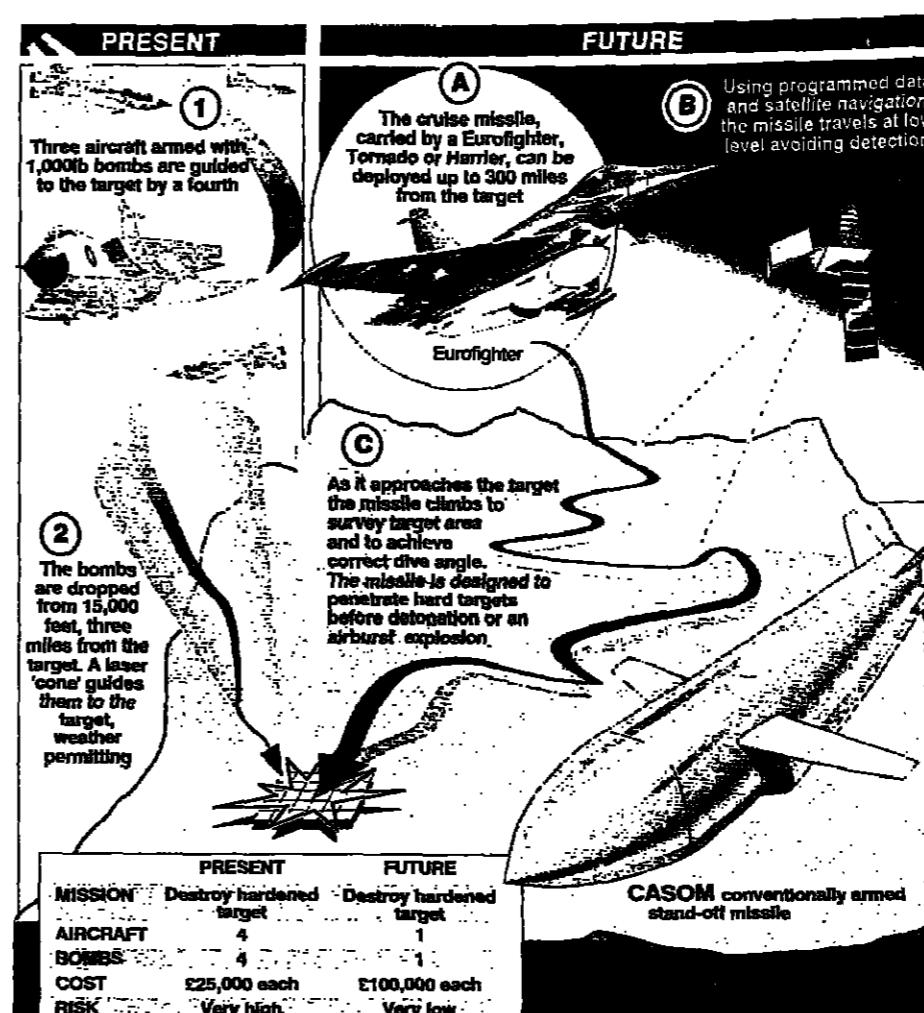
III bomb, which has similar destructive power to a Casom, but it also has to be laser-guided and launched close to the target.

Mr Portillo is under pressure to choose the European option in selecting the winner of the Casom contract.

The favourite appears to be McDonnell Douglas, the giant American defence company, which has teamed up with British companies including GEC-Marconi, Hunting Engineering and Lucas Aerospace, to produce a missile called Grand Slam.

French and German defence companies have formed consortiums with British firms to try to snatch the missile contract from the Americans. The Paris and Bonn governments are keeping a close watch because the whole future of a proposed European defence industry could be at stake.

The two European consortiums seen as the closest rivals to McDonnell Douglas are led by British Aerospace Dynamics in partnership with the French company Matra, offering Storm Shadow, a development of France's Apache missile, and by Daimler-Benz Aerospace with Sweden's Bo-



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four aircraft, three armed with 1,000 lb bombs and one equipped with a thermal-imaging laser designation system to guide the bombs to their target. The pilots must launch the bombs into the "cone" of the laser beam to hit the target.

The aircraft have to launch their bombs from about 15,000 ft, two or three miles from the target, making them dangerously vulnerable to ground-to-air missile attack. The RAF has just taken delivery of a new 2,000 lb Paveway

alternative difficult to resist, especially since McDonnell Douglas is thought to be cutting its price. Last year he approved the purchase of American Apache attack helicopters for the British Army in preference to the Franco-German Tiger.

The other Casom bids consist of a smaller version of the Tomahawk cruise missile, called Air Hawk, developed by the American company Hughes and Britain's Smith Industries; Pegasus, a system offered by GEC-Marconi; Popeye, an Israeli weapon developed by Rafael; and another American missile proposed by Texas Instruments with Shorts of Belfast.

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# Labour may offer jobless chance of dole cash 'gamble'

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE unemployed would be able to take a business gamble with an advance payment of up to £1,400 in benefits under social security changes proposed by Labour yesterday.

They could be paid a lump sum of up to six months' benefit to set up a business or spend on training courses. But if their business collapsed or they failed to get a job at the end of a training course they would get no further payments for six months.

Under the scheme, outlined yesterday by Chris Smith, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, claimants could end up with different levels of benefit depending on their circumstances. Benefit officers would be assigned to claimants to decide how to spend benefit and training entitlements. A person could choose to keep less benefit for himself and use the rest to supplement his training to increase his chance of finding a job.

Claimants could also choose to put some or all of their benefit towards a financial incentive to prospective employers or towards the cost of childcare.

"The benefit system should be about giving people a hand up, not just a handout," Mr Smith said. "The DSS should be helping people into

jobs, not just dishing out Giro."

The scheme, designed to curb the £90 billion social security bill, would be piloted in the first year of a Labour government. It was attacked by leftwingers who said that it heralded an end to a universal unemployment benefit and would give more power to social security officers.

Welfare experts also criticised the proposals to remove a safety net altogether from some of Britain's most vulnerable groups.

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, said that Labour's policies, outlined in a document called *Getting Welfare to Work*, would "put people out of work and back on welfare". He added: "There is no public expenditure commitment to restore jobseeker's allowance to 12 months' contributory entitlement."

Mr Smith has borrowed heavily from personalised benefit schemes in Australia and America, where the benefit system is tailored to individual need. But he indicated that a Labour government would use the schemes only as a model.

He made clear that Labour could not make the childcare commitments inherent in the Australian Jobs, Education and Training Scheme.

But Mr Smith predicted that the changes could result in 200,000 people getting jobs within four and a half years, saving the taxpayer £1.8 billion. He emphasised that none of the new measures estimated to cost £200 million would be introduced until the party had secured housing benefit fraud

claiming all major benefits; allowing the long-term unemployed to take occasional jobs without loss of benefit; relaxing the 16-hour limit on further education courses to allow claimants to study for longer without losing benefit; automatic re-entitlement to benefit if a temporary or risky

job ends within six months.

Jeremy Corbyn, the left-wing MP for Islington North, said that the flexible system was a great mistake. "Surely if we live in one country then the benefit should be universal in that country?" Dr Ruth Lister, a member of the Commission on Social

Justice, which drew up a report on benefit changes, also had doubts. She gave warning of the potential problems of combining training and benefit. "I think there is a danger of putting the two together if then you're leaving people vulnerable to being left without any money at all."



Chris Smith, right, announcing the scheme with frontbench colleague Peter Mandelson

## Asian businessman wins battle for seat

THE Asian businessman Mohammed Sarwar was declared winner of the re-run Labour candidacy contest in Glasgow Govan yesterday by 82 votes (Gillian Bowditch writes).

The ballot between Mr Sarwar, a millionaire Muslim, and Mike Watson, the MP for Glasgow Central, was the culmination of a bitter two-year battle between the two men that has deeply embarrassed the party and dragged it through the courts.

Mr Sarwar won a resounding victory, polling 279 votes to Mr Watson's 197. A total of

## Lang may lift postal monopoly

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY  
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Royal Mail could have its monopoly suspended and risk losing business to the private sector if postal workers go on strike again, the Government said yesterday.

Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, issued the warning as leaders of the Communication Workers' Union met Royal Mail managers for talks on averting a second strike. He said that he and his Cabinet colleagues were considering dealing with any further disruption by lifting the monopoly on letter deliveries costing less than £1

to handle. He denied reports over the weekend that he was bowing to pressure from Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister. But close colleagues of Mr Heseltine insisted that he had written to Mr Lang urging him to take tough action.

"Mr Heseltine and I have been in agreement for some considerable time that clearly the mail has to be delivered," Mr Lang said. Making clear that the move would be a "collective" decision by ministers, he said: "It's not Mr Heseltine. That is a fiction."

However, there appeared to be differences between the two ministers over the timing of

any government intervention in the dispute. Friends of Mr Lang said he was adamant that Mr Heseltine should not dictate the running of the department.

Mr Heseltine wants to press the Royal Mail to take a tougher line against postal workers by threatening them with the temporary loss of monopoly on strike days. However, Mr Lang is looking to use the monopoly card only as a last resort.

He told BBC Radio 4's *The World at One*: "We can't have the public and business being disrupted by repeated strikes, and the lifting of the monopoly could be an option at some stage if that becomes necessary.

"If the monopoly had to be lifted, it would be because the interests of the public required it. Clearly it would be a fairly strong measure to take, but we have an obligation to ensure the mail is delivered. If it comes to that, it's something I would not yet be willing to rule out."

**IN PARLIAMENT**  
TODAY in the Commons: Questions to the Prime Minister, debate initiated by the Liberal Democrats on Government policy on G88; backbench debates on local government reform, the Environment Bill, Port Talbot, in the Lords: Housing Bill, committee debate on Balkan policy after withdrawal of Implementation Force.

The main speculation is about Douglas Hogg.

It is silly to treat him as the scapegoat for the Government's problems over beef. His reading of the crisis has been shrewder than many of his more excitable colleagues. He may not be a figure for the age of the soundbite, but responsibility goes much wider than him and goes back much earlier than his 12-month tenure at the Ministry of Agriculture. However, there is strong criticism in Whitehall of the department's performance with suggestions that it needs to be reorganised or broken up. But such structural issues are best left until after the election.

The reshuffle will be primarily a matter of party and career management, necessary but not significant, and no solution for the Government's problems.

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## Reshuffle will not alter poor Tory prospects

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The annual reshuffle season has now officially started. Leaks, hints, hopes and rumours are now swirling around Westminster and the press. Some are inspired, others reflect Cabinet infighting — with more than a suspicion of score settling from Conservative Central Office — but most are plain guesses. Nobody, least of all affected ministers, will know until John Major changes his team in a few weeks' time. The one certainty is that the moves will make no difference to the Tories' electoral prospects.

Most reshuffles make no impact on the governing party's standing. If you take party ratings in the three months before and after reshuffles according to MORI's polls for *The Times*, the Tories' share fell in both 1993 and 1994 — for unconnected reasons to do with party divisions — and only rose fractionally after last year's reshuffle. There is no great mystery about this. Reshuffles are classic Westminster stories, of consuming interest to the political world but of virtually no significance to the public. With rare exceptions, such reshuffles mainly involve MPs and ministers of whom most people have never heard anyway.

The only reshuffles which matter for the standing of a Government, or in the public eye, are those which result in a change of policy. The most important was the "Night of the Long Knives" in July 1962 when Harold Macmillan dismissed a third of his Cabinet. The initial impression of prime ministerial panic hurt the Tories, but, in the long term, the replacement of the fiscally cautious Selwyn Lloyd by the more expansionist Reginald Maudling helped the party two years later to come within a whisker of winning the October 1964 general election.

Next month's reshuffle will not be of this type, despite the Tory Right's fantasy of getting rid of Kenneth Clarke. Not only would this be seen as a probably terminal sign of panic on the part of Mr Major, but there is no subsequent policy shift that could help the Tories. Ruling out membership of a single currency might precipitate an

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1	10,000	591	635	9,030
2	10,000	591	683	9,960
3	10,000	591	734	10,900
4	10,000	591	789	11,900
5	10,000	591	848	12,100
6	10,000	591	912	14,500

The last two columns assume that investments will grow at 7.5% per year.

#### WHAT ARE THE DEDUCTIONS FOR?

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Forename(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Bond will start from the date of receipt of your investment and a satisfactorily completed Application Form at the Company's Head Office.

#### DECLARATION

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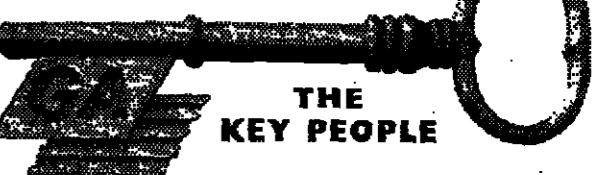
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# Heavy euro selling by Bonn to sway a sceptical public

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE German Government yesterday opened its public relations offensive to persuade its stubbornly sceptical citizens that it will be worth abandoning the mark for a single European currency.

An opinion poll published in *Der Spiegel* indicated the depth of opposition to European monetary union and the relative failure of the Government's previous attempts to talk the Germans round: 52 per cent of the country is firmly against the euro.

The advertising campaign is being run by a coalition of the Bonn Government, the European Parliament and the European Commission with a war chest amounting to about £10 million. Posters to be distributed nationwide will carry the slogan "Europe has a future" and will portray the euro surrounded by 12 stars. A euro "hotline" will try to calm the fears of German savers. Brochures are being run off by the thousand.

The money does not stretch to television advertising but various industrial lobbies and, above all, the big banks are willing to chip in. Public relations specialists are warning the Government, however, that it will be difficult to sell a product that does not yet exist.

Some of the deep German splits over the euro became plain at the weekend during a conference held by the Herrhausen Foundation. Roland Berger, a management consultant, told the gathering of politicians and bankers: "The positive effects of the euro are

only feasible but also desirable lies with Herr Kohl rather than with the PR experts. The recent visit to Bonn by Tony Blair helped to focus analysts on the subtle changes that have been occurring in Herr Kohl's European strategy over the past year.

First, he has resolved to stand again in the 1998 elections. He evidently wants EMU to be his crowning historical act. Second, he has come to the conclusion that EMU will start on time, and with German participation. The hints of EMU delay from German politicians, so common a year ago, have been dropped. Third, he assumes Mr Blair will be leading a British government which will be in the chair of the European presidency during the critical first six months of 1998.

The Chancellor is adapting his rhetoric accordingly. Now the smoke has cleared from the beef battlefield, he is talking more often of the need for a new German patriotism within Europe. Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, joined the chorus last week with an article calling for a new self-confident Germany. The reason is clear: to carry off the double task of EMU entry and winning the general elections in 1998, the Chancellor has to move to the right and occupy the positions taken by the nationalist-minded defenders of the mark.

This political reorientation, rather than grand advertising campaigns, will be decisive in his battle for the euro.

Kohl holds the key to winning over sceptics

FROM STACY SULLIVAN  
IN MEDUGORJE

THE open-air Mass yesterday at the Church of St James in Medjugorje was packed with international pilgrims who came to this Bosnian Croat village to pay homage to a place they believe the Virgin Mary chose to make contact with the world 15 years ago.

The alleged apparitions of the Virgin began on June 25, 1981, when

she appeared to six village children who were playing on Mount Podbrdo above Medjugorje. They say the Virgin asked them to pray for peace.

War gripped their country exactly ten years later. The communist authorities who were in power in Yugoslavia at the time denied that the visions had happened, interrogated the local priest and tried to silence the children. But the children said the Virgin Mary kept visiting them every evening, repeating the messages of

peace. The more the local authorities tried to cover up the claims, the more media attention the apparitions received. As word spread, countless believers began to make pilgrimages to Medjugorje.

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the town and the Franciscan friars who run the Medjugorje parish say that about 20 million people have visited the village.

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Chechen separatists and the Russian Government agreed at peace talks earlier this month that a withdrawal of Russian forces should be completed by August 30, with the rebels laying down arms at the same time. (Reuters)



Kurds clash with police

As injured protester, blood streaming from his face, is led away by a riot policeman during clashes yesterday in the centre of Ankara, the Turkish capital. Murat Bozak, leader of the Kurdish activist People's Democracy Party, was arrested during

the unrest, as were 30 of his aides. Twenty-two people were injured in the clashes, Turkish television, local police said. (Reuters)

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## EU wheat rules rile dealers

FROM REUTER  
IN PARIS

EUROPE'S summer grain harvest is just beginning but international dealers are already in a tug-of-war with European Union bureaucrats over where the much-needed grain should end up.

Farmers in France started to eat barley at the weekend, and wheat should follow in two weeks' time, experts said. But grain houses are peevish that their exports to other continents, where demand is soaring and prices high, are likely to be chopped again this year because European consumers are being served first.

"We have seen our exports drop 40 per cent this year and now in Brussels they are telling us it will happen again. It is quite absurd," a French grain exporter said yesterday.

The EU, the world's biggest wheat producer after China, began taxing wheat in December to discourage exports as drought in other parts of the world threatened a run on EU wheat despite sky-high prices. Yet the policy started a brawl over supplies that seems certain to continue throughout the rest of 1996.

Dealers are furious that more and more wheat is being held back to be fed to animals inside Europe, while the business of shipping wheat to make bread in developing countries becomes more difficult due to the red tape of export controls.

"Brussels is interfering with the market in a scandalous way," said a senior international trader who asked not to be identified. In America, there are fears that the EU's policy will increase hardship for livestock producers in an election year by keeping grain prices high worldwide.

EU ministers meeting in Luxembourg on Monday will debate changes to farm regulations to ensure that farmers have less incentive to hoard grain when supplies are tight. That will infuriate French farmers who deny they have anything to do with the grain price explosion in the past year.

## Hungary notes Biro

Budapest: Hungary is paying a belated tribute to Jozsef Laszlo Biro, the inventor of the ballpoint pen. An exhibition of his life opened in Budapest yesterday.

Biro — who was born in Budapest in 1899 and died in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1955 — created the most famous of his more than 100

inventions when, as a journalist in the 1920s, he noticed that the ink in his fountain pen often dried up. Then, in a Budapest printing shop, he saw an ink that dried on contact with paper. Six years later the Biro was born, and in 1944 he sold the manufacturing rights in the United States for about £1.3 million. (AP)

Biro sold rights in US

THE WOODWICH Society, which has come to the rescue of Woolwich, has sold its stock market shares back on board. John Stewart, chief executive,

He will now be succeeded by a building society. On April 1, Stewart will be succeeded by a misused Woodwich, who has been accused of abusing his position.

Mr Stewart, who has given up his directorship, immediately raised the price of his shares to anyone who wanted to buy them. Woodwich will now be an arm of Prudential, the Prudential and Bank of Scotland emerged as major shareholders.

Any such sale would value the Woodwich at £1 billion and could receive an offer of the average price already planned.

The Prudential, largest insurer, had an early interest in Woolwich. Mr Stewart, "We never dream of speculation."

Mr Stewart, who has sold his shares, has been edged out of the board of directors. He added: "Please pick up the phone. Some of them you will seriously consider. Not when we go to market we will be ranked among the top 100 companies in the UK."

Nevertheless, Mr Stewart, along with an associate, will be involved in the deal, but it will not be a major shareholder.

The Woodwich plan to announce within three days that they have a settlement with Mr Robinson, who has strenuously denied the allegations against him. Mr Robinson, 52, has a two-year contract and an annual salary of £100,000. He will be able to take immediate annual increments based on 33 per cent.

## Go for gold in Atlanta

Win a trip to the Olympics worth £10,000

The Times has teamed up with Bausch & Lomb, worldwide sponsors of the Olympic games, and manufacturer of Ray-Ban sunglasses, to offer readers the chance to win a five-day trip for two to the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, worth £10,000.

There are also five runners-up prizes of Ray-Ban Xrays worth £125 each.

The star prize includes two economy return tickets with Delta Airlines, plus round-trip luxury airport transfers. The winner and a partner will spend four nights in first class accommodation at the Sheraton Suites Galleria, Atlanta (pictured), in a deluxe suite with breakfast, lunch and dinner included.

There will be tickets to the Olympic events and access to the Bausch & Lomb hospitality suites in the Downtown Sponsor Village or Olympic Stadium Village. The prize winner will arrive in Atlanta on Tuesday, July 23 and depart on Saturday, July 27.

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## Zyuganov puts grand coalition offer to Yeltsin

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S Communist Party leader, Gennadi Zyuganov, short of ideas ahead of the run-off of the presidential election against President Yeltsin on July 3, yesterday proposed a "pact of national accord" that would include members of the present

woo middle-ground voters still looks rather half-hearted. A congenital nationalist, he released a statement entitled "The Fatherland is in danger" last Thursday, which talked about a "fifth column" plotting to take over the country and overthrow Mr Yeltsin.

Another sign of desperation is Mr Zyuganov's habit of praising politicians as potential allies and future members of his government without talking to them. One such was Eduard Rossel, the Governor of Sverdlovsk region, who said he was surprised to hear his name mentioned by Mr Zyuganov and had not been consulted by him.

In a belated attempt to develop a more moderate image, Mr Zyuganov released a list of possible members of a coalition government, in which Communist hardliners, such as the former Politburo member, Anatoli Lukyanov, were noticeably absent. He said he would like to see a tripartite government in which one third was drawn from his own "national-patriotic forces", one third came from non-Communists in parliament and one third from the present

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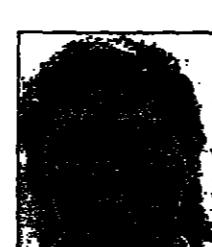
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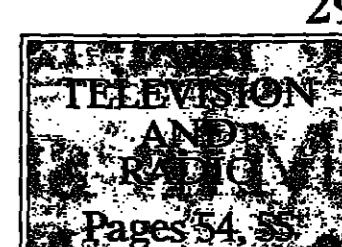
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## Rogue copper trader held by Japanese authorities

By ROBERT MILLER

**YASUO HAMANAKA**, the Sumitomo trader held responsible for gambling away \$1.8 billion while speculating on the global copper markets, is being held in a "safe house" by the Japanese authorities.

Until now it had been thought that the rogue copper dealer fled Japan as criminal and civil investigations into the scandal got underway in America, Britain and Japan. Inquiries by *The Times*, however, have established that Japanese authorities

sprinted Mr Hamanaka to a safe house for an extensive debriefing before news of his 10-year dealing spree became public. It is understood that Mr Hamanaka, known as Mr Five Per Cent — a reference to the share of the world copper market he controlled — has not been arrested or formally charged.

Among the first of the international investigating authorities hoping to have access to Mr Hamanaka is Andrew Jackson, the Serious Fraud Office lawyer heading the UK's criminal investigation into the cop-

per affair. Mr Jackson, who hopes to fly to Japan this week, will be accompanied by a detective chief inspector from the City of London police and a senior forensic accountant.

The SFO wants to establish who Mr Hamanaka traded with in London and whether a criminal offence was committed within UK jurisdiction. If, as seems likely at this stage, the Japanese authorities wish to press criminal charges against Mr Hamanaka, the SFO is not expected to file a counter-

extradition petition. A senior SFO source said last night: "We want this case to be seen as a model of international co-operation between investigating authorities."

It has also emerged that not all of Mr Hamanaka's trades were conducted from his Tokyo office at Sumitomo. A number of dealing instructions appear to have been issued by fax and telephone from his apartment in the Tokyo suburbs. Sumitomo Corporation is still trying to unscramble many of his copper deals, some of which were

not routed direct through the London Metal Exchange, but via offshore centres such as Guernsey. It appears that experienced copper dealers realised what Mr Hamanaka was doing and sought to make profits by being one step ahead of him, which is not necessarily a criminal offence.

In London yesterday the price of copper for delivery in three months time — the market benchmark — fell to \$1,796 per tonne, the lowest level since January 1994. The nervous reaction of the market is based

partly on the expectation that when Sumitomo has finally unwound Mr Hamanaka's trading positions the Japanese corporation could be facing losses of nearly \$3 billion, almost twice the initial estimate.

■ Vermont state police in America said that they were not reopening the case of a copper trader who died in a fire in 1991 after raising questions about the dealing of Yasuo Hamanaka (Richard Thomson writes). Paul Scully, the trader, was judged to have died accidentally in a fire at his home.

### BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDEXES		
FTSE 100	3701.8	(-11.5)
WSE	1194.0	(-1.0)
FTSE All Share	1882.79	(-5.0)
Nikkei	1882.79	(-5.0)
New York	5724.05	(+28.82)
Dow Jones	568.69	(+2.85)
S&P Composites	568.69	(+2.85)
US BONDS		
Federal Funds	5.4%	(5.4%)
Avg Bond	7.1%	(7.1%)
Yield	7.10%	(7.10%)
LONDON		
5-month Interbank	6.1%	(6.1%)
Libor long gilt future (Sep)	105%	(105%)
New York		
5-month Interbank	1.5403*	(1.5368)
London	1.5403	(1.5403)
5m	1.5403	(1.5403)
DM	1.5403	(1.5403)
JPY	7.9880	(7.9813)
SGD	1.9455	(1.9417)
Yen	168.01	(167.86)
E Index	85.9	(85.9)
EUROPE		
DM	1.3304*	(1.3304)
JPY	5.1892*	(5.2005)
SGD	1.2615*	(1.2670)
Yen	106.83*	(106.11)
S Index	97.3	(97.2)
Tokyo close Yen 106.16		
Brent 15-day (Sep) \$17.80 (\$17.80)		
London close .... \$384.35 (\$383.85)		

## Tribunal rejects pension claims

By MARIJANNE CURPHAY

HOPES that 60,000 part-time workers would share up to £90 million in backdated occupational pensions were dashed yesterday when an employment tribunal failed to uphold most of their claims.

The TUC said it was considering taking the case to the Appeal Court after a ruling by the Employment Appeal Tribunal that most of the part-timers were not entitled to backdated rights because their claims were "out of time".

Up to 10,000 part-time workers whose claims were held to be valid could share £16 million as a result of the ruling.

The claims were first lodged in November 1994 after a European Court of Justice ruling that employers who barred part-timers from pension schemes were guilty of indirect sex discrimination.

The CBI and the Federation of Small Businesses have expressed concern that a flood of claims for compensation could crimp British industry.

The TUC, which has been co-ordinating claims on behalf of teachers, health, bank and shop workers, said it was disappointed that Mr Justice Mummery had not ruled in favour of all 60,000 claimants.

He said most of the cases were out of time because they were not lodged within six months of workers leaving their jobs, even though in most cases this would have been before the 1994 European Court of Justice ruling.

John Monks, TUC General Secretary, said: "Only Mystic Meg could have been expected to ... have submitted a claim before the European Court had made its ruling."

## Woolwich raises flotation stakes

By ROBERT MILLER

**THE WOOLWICH** Building Society, which plans to become a £1 billion bank next year, yesterday moved to put its stock market flotation back on course by naming John Stewart as new group chief executive.

He will replace Peter Robinson, who left the third-largest building society abruptly in April over allegations that he misused society perks and abused expenses.

Mr Stewart, 47, the Woolwich's group operations director, immediately moved to raise the price for any potential bidder by stating that anyone who wished to buy the Woolwich would have to pay "an arm and a leg". The Prudential and the Royal Bank of Scotland have emerged as the leading candidates to make an offer.

Any such bid is likely to value the Woolwich at up to £4 billion and could lead to 3.5 million borrowers and savers receiving an extra £125 over the average payout of £1,000 already planned.

The Prudential, Britain's largest insurer, had expressed an early interest in buying the Woolwich. Yesterday it said: "We never comment on speculation."

Mr Stewart, who joined the Woolwich in 1977, acknowledged that the society needed to get next year's planned flotation "back on track". He added: "Plenty of people have picked up the phone to us. Some of them you would take seriously, others you would not. When we join the stock market we will become a FTSE 100 company, probably ranked somewhere between numbers 60 and 70."

Nevertheless, Mr Stewart added: "If someone came along with an alternative to what we propose we'll consider it, but it would have to be an unbelievable offer."

The Woolwich plans to announce within the next two to three days that it has reached a settlement with Mr Robinson, who has strenuously denied the allegations made against him. It is expected that Mr Robinson, 54, who was on a two-year contract with an annual salary of £300,000, will be allowed to draw an immediate annual pension, based on 33 years of service,

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## PowerGen ready to back down

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

POWERGEN is poised to back down on a challenge to the electricity regulator over the £450 million sale of power stations.

The company had said the sale of the power stations to Eastern, demanded by the regulator to increase competition, was in doubt until it got "regulatory certainty" about industry development after the Government's veto of its takeover of Midlands Electricity. It is not expected to have received any such assurances.

The climbdown will be the second by the company in the wake of the decision by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, to block the generators' bids for regional companies on the grounds of insufficient competition in

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## Hinchliffe's shoe shops draw interest

By JASON NISSE

PRICE WATERHOUSE, administrator of the three Stephen Hinchliffe companies that bought the Freehand Hardy Willis and Saxon shoe-shop chains from Sears, have received more than 100 expressions of interest in the businesses.

The accountancy firm is now evaluating the bids and says that it should have news by the time it calls a creditors' meeting, expected in less than a month.

The 379 stores were put in administration three weeks ago at the behest of Sears, which is owed more than £6 million. The giant retailer still owns the shops' leases but is in talks with the landlords about transferring them.

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## Eurotunnel licence extension in doubt

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

EUROTUNNEL's embattled management was dealt a new blow yesterday when the Department of Transport said that the British Government could see no public interest in extending its operating licence.

The possibility of a 30 or 40-year extension to the current licence, which Eurotunnel has been pushing for, was raised by President Jacques Chirac during a recent visit to London. The current licence runs out in 2052.

The DoT said the British Government would have to know more about the French Government's position before it could even consider a licence extension. Eurotunnel declined to comment beyond saying that talks with both

governments over the terms of its initial concession are continuing.

The licence was extended for ten years in 1993 after the two governments and Eurotunnel reached a compromise over some earlier disagreements. A further extension would add to the value of the company and help it in its talks with banks about restructuring its nearly £9 billion of debt.

Shareholders at the annual meeting on Thursday in Paris will have to approve any deal between Eurotunnel and its 225 banks. Some shareholders have indicated that they are willing to accept a debt-for-equity swap of up to 49 per cent.

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By JASON NISSE

ALAN SUGAR, who founded Amstrad, the electronics group, 28 years ago, is considering selling out to Psion, the hand-held computer maker, in a £200 million deal.

The Times has been told by well-placed sources that David Potter, Psion's chairman and chief executive, is considering an offer for Amstrad. Any deal would need the agreement of Mr Sugar, who owns 34 per cent of Amstrad's shares.

It would value the company at more than one-and-a-half times the £13 million Mr Sugar offered when share-

holders refused to let him take Amstrad private at the end of 1992. Neither Psion nor Amstrad would confirm that talks are taking place, but recent movement in the two companies' share prices indicates that something is afoot.

Psion shares have been falling for the past few days, and lost 22p yesterday to close at 375p, valuing the company at £265 million.

Amstrad shares, which have fallen from a high of 294p last year, rose 52p yesterday to close at 148p, valuing Amstrad at £175 million. Any offer would have to be at a premium to the Amstrad share price, pushing the

value towards £200 million.

Peter Norman, marketing director of Psion, said he could not comment on market rumours.

Asked about the falling share price he said: "We're fairly blasé about our share price." No one at Amstrad was prepared to comment.

Long-time Amstrad followers believe that Mr Sugar is tired of having to justify the way he runs the company to the City and wants to concentrate more of his time on Tottenham Hotspur, the Premiership football club he controls.

Last year he was criticised by City analysts after David Rogers, the managing director he hired from Philips Electronics, resigned after only a few

months at Amstrad. While Amstrad has suffered, Psion has been lauded in the City as it has grown on the back of the success of its hand-held computers.

However, Psion has failed to break its dependence on one product line and is believed to be attracted by Viglen, Amstrad's personal computer maker based in west London. Mr Sugar recently moved a large amount of computer production from the Far East to Viglen, arguing that it was better equipped to respond to the rapidly changing market. However, Duncall, Amstrad's mobile phone business, remains a worry and is expected to make a loss this year.

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## Weapons in the Woolwich arsenal

□ TO QUOTE Shaw's ever-useful phrase, the Woolwich has settled the principle and is now merely negotiating over the price. By appointing a hold-carrier with a safe pair of hands and not much more to lead the way towards the stock market, the building society has as much as ensured that it never actually gets there.

So all that was left to John Stewart yesterday was to emphasise just how expensive it would be to defect the society from that course. This is all well and good, because if a buyer emerges, then the proceeds going to the members should be maximised.

The assumption had been that the Woolwich would tempt some charismatic figure from corporate finance or the middle ranks of a FT-SE company board to continue the work done by Peter Robinson before his sacking. The non-appearance of such a character suggests that the jobs market, too, has taken the view that the company will never achieve quoted status. Mr Stewart is an effective manager who has done a number of useful corporate strategy jobs at the society over the past decade, but he has never been accused of being charismatic — quite the opposite, to judge from recent City presentations.

There are sufficient potential buyers among the big insurers attracted by the society's 500 branches through which to market their products. The shake-up in insurance that has been promised for years and was one of the main forecasts made by those clever market strategists for 1996 is little advanced; the Royal/Sun Alliance merger excepting. Any of the big continental insurers would leap at such an easy and immediate, if expensive, entry into the British market. But the betting at the moment, BAT having put itself out of the frame, is that they will be beaten by the Royal Bank of Scotland or more likely the Prudential, keen to put past misdeeds behind it. "We're with the Woolwich" certainly has a more reassuring ring than "We're with the Pru, and we've already miss-sold to you once."

Floated, the Woolwich is worth £3 billion. As a takeover candidate, add on £1 billion plus, and the decision by appointing an insider to put the society up for an effective auction can only

serve to increase that figure. Lucky old Woolwich members. What about Mr Robinson, whose departure prompted the auction? Still, at 54, relatively young, his negotiation of a settlement with the Woolwich allows him to leave with only a small and now-too-colour-fast stain on his character, and he will presumably re-emerge in the usual way somewhere on the financial services scene. But will he have to wait out his gardening leave?

### Further extension to the Tunnel

□ A GOVERNMENT that has no compunction about selling off nuclear power by keeping all the downside in the public domain has no right to lecture anyone about taking the long view on public assets.

One way to ease Eurotunnel's cash crisis might be to extend the life of the franchise to operate the tunnel. This runs to 2052, which might seem long enough, but it contrasts with the 1,000-year



reign offered to the operator of the fast rail link between London and Dover. The French have already accepted the idea, but Whitehall is dragging its feet. An extension would make the job of those trying to close the gap between the banks and the Eurotunnel board easier because it would add to the value of the project and allow the extension of those Eurotunnel loans that must needs be repaid by the end of the franchise period.

Thus investors, who will in due course include the banks, will either have lower interest bills or the prospect of a longer debt-free period once these are repaid — and all at no cost to the

British taxpayer for half a century. Eurotunnel's debt currently costs the best part of £1 billion a year to service, so even a modest improvement in rates would have an effect.

As it is, Sir Alastair Morton and his French counterpart Patrick Ponsolle will need all their skills at stonewalling at Thursday's annual meeting, because there will be little to report on either franchise extension or debt restructuring. Eventually the banks will end up with 30 to 60 per cent of the equity — this is the spread, and expect a result bang in the middle. Only then can the shares be valued in any rational way, which makes recent price rises baffling. Take the train, by all means, but avoid the shares.

### An investor writes...

Dear Sir Bob Reid,

Today you preside over your first annual meeting as the Sears chairman. As supporters of effective corporate governance, we both hope the questioning will be vigorous and to the point. But should the shareholders miss anything, here are a few issues we think they should address:

Your annual report refers in three places to selling the Free-men, Hardy Willis and Saxone chains, saying once that losses have been eliminated and twice that the businesses have been sold. Given all we now know about your dealings with Stephen Hincliffe and Facia on these two disposals, and the £25 million bill you face to cover further losses on the sale, don't you wish that you had not rushed into print so quickly?

You paid bonuses to all your executive directors last year — and one, Roger Groom, received the maximum he was due. Given the company lost £119.7 million last year, could you please elaborate on the mathematical basis for these payments?

To what extent did your people check out Mr Hincliffe's background before doing business with him?

Did they not ask themselves, as many other people did at the time, where all his money was coming from?

Liam Strong, your chief executive, was taken on to tackle the problem of British Shoe Corporation. How happy are you with the progress made so far and how on earth is he going to get rid of your shoe shops now. And at what cost?

You have vigorously defended Mr Strong against mounting criticism from shareholders. What can he do to allow them to share the confidence you have in him? Over what timescale? And what happens to him if he does not achieve this?

Yours, Pennington.

### Quick on the trigger

□ SOUTHERN WATER may have rolled over and surrendered to the £1.7 billion offer from ScottishPower, but there must be some doubt whether such a surrender was the best for shareholders. ScottishPower's innovative offer was for £10.50, or £11 if another bidder emerged, which implies that the Scots were happy to stump up another 50p if necessary. So should Southern not have held out to the last, in the hopes of another offer that triggered the extra payment?

### Unit trust investment falls back

Net new investment in unit trusts in May fell to its lowest level in six months after two successive record sales months.

Net new investment in the 1,660 UK authorised unit trusts was £621.2 million, against £1.1 billion in April, the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds said yesterday.

Retail investors, who have helped to increase unitholder accounts to 7.4 million, contributed £573 million last month, against £1 billion in April.

### RGC bid

Renison Goldfields Consolidated, the Australian mining group in which Hanson has a 39 per cent controlling stake, has bid £41 million for Cudgen a mineral sand producer. RGC bought 19.9 per cent of Cudgen from Generc, of South Africa, which is to sell RGC its remaining 30 per cent if no higher offer arises.

### Irish jobs

The Industrial Development Authority, which promotes inward investment in Ireland, assisted in the creation of 11,500 jobs in 1995. The authority is supporting 940 companies, together employing 90,000.

### Willis sale

Willis Corroon, the insurance broker, is to sell the Consumer Benefit Life Insurance Company, of Nashville, to Gerling Global US Investments for \$32.3 million.

## Sun Life's shares at discount on grey market

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

SHARES in Sun Life & Provincial Holdings (SLP) closed at 232p yesterday, down 3p on the opening public offer price, in heavy turnover of 40 million shares on the first day of the grey market.

In total, 224 million shares have been placed with institutional investors, and analysts said the issue had been two to three times oversubscribed. Official trading starts on July 2.

The public offering had been priced at 235p, with a value of £526 million.

A number of investors who had received their full allocation were thought to have taken the opportunity to sell part of their stock.

The placing capitalised SLP at £1.3 billion. It is the first in a line of personal financial services companies preparing to come to the market.

Three building societies — Northern Rock, Woolwich and Alliance & Leicester — have announced their intention to float. Friends Provident, the mutual life insurer, is believed to be contemplating a flotation after having considered approaches from potential buyers during the past few months. Norwich Union is undergoing a review of its strategy. Some in the City question the wisdom of so many flotation in so short a time and say that both life and

general insurance sectors are overcrowded.

The flotation netted SLP's parent company, Union des Assurances de Paris, France's second-largest insurer, a total of £4.4 billion and triggered a capital gain of more than £120 million. It retains a 60 per cent stake in the company.

Analysts gave the company a mixed welcome: some said it could underperform in its sector, dragged down by a high level of debt and less successful parts of the business.

The company comprises Sun Life, the fourth-largest life insurer in sales terms after Standard Life, Prudential and Equitable Life; Provincial Holdings, the general insurer; and New Ireland, a life and pensions provider in the Republic of Ireland.

Robert Fleming, SLP's ad-

visers, have the option to release an extra 33 million shares in the market, which would increase the total value of the sale to £605 million.

About 95 per cent of the shares on offer went to institutions, with a core of 60 firms, mostly British, taking the majority of those.

Michael Hart, chief executive, said the shares would be a long-term investment, and that there were signs that the life insurance market was starting to pick up.

### BTP ready to spend £100m

SHARES in BTP, the specialty chemicals group, raced ahead yesterday after it reported a healthy profit rise and said it had up to £100 million to spend on acquisitions (Sarah Cunningham writes).

Profits before tax and exceptions for the year to March 31 rose 19 per cent to £44.5 million. The group has

gearing of 7 per cent and has made only minor purchases since raising £52 million through a rights issue in February last year.

Steve Hannam, chief executive, said nothing was imminent, but added: "We have a strong balance sheet and we continue to look".

BTP, whose chairman is John Kettleley and whose finance director is Rob Martin, will pay a final dividend of 7.35p, making a full-year dividend of 11.2p. The shares closed up 10p at 294p.

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incurs drilling costs. Westmount's initial investment will be £137,500, amounting to a quarter of the start-up costs of Desire, Greenwich Resources, the quoted energy company, has also taken a 20 per cent stake in Desire.

Derek Williams, chairman-designate of Westmount, is excited about the prospects for oil in the Falklands. "It's a risky investment, but the rewards could be enormous," he said.

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### Westmount aims to strike Falklands oil

BY CARL MORTISHED

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STOCK MARKET



MICHAEL CLARK

## Brokers seek answers as BTR shares hit a low

BROKERS looking for answers to the problems besetting BTR, the industrial conglomerate, came away empty handed from a slowdown with the company.

As it to underlie the problem, the shares ended 1p cheaper at 255p, matching its low for the year, as BTR began a series of meetings with City firms. The price has been in steady deterioration during the past six months falling from a peak of 357p.

Brokers will want to know why the group's disposal programme is taking so long. They will also be no doubt keen to ask Ian Strachan, chief executive, what plans are afoot to halt the slowdown in earnings growth. Reports at the weekend suggested he may be forced to cut the dividend, although the company's own broker BZW is continuing to forecast an increase in the payout from 14.6p to 15.5p.

BTR's dividend bill is usually around £600 million with a further £300 million earmarked for the warrants. Dealers say this provides an unwanted drain on the company's already hard-pressed cash resources.

The rest of the equity market began trading in narrow limits, shrugging off an opening gain of more than 30 points in the Dow Jones industrial average on Wall Street. After an early mark-up, prices in London soon began drifting lower on lack of institutional interest. The FTSE 100 index closed at its low for the day, down 11.5 at 3,710.8 on total turnover of less than 600 million shares. Brokers fear that a sell-off may be on the way as the index soon testing the 3,650 level.

BskyB firmed 1p to 423p and Granada 3p to 879p as shares in both companies began trading on the London International Financial Futures Exchange. But the newcomers to the list of top 100 companies all rang into profit-taking. United News & Media fell 3p to 719p, Orange 6p to 237.5p, and Next 7p to 355p.

British Borneo was a firm market, climbing 20p to 571p on the back of a recommendation from James Capel, the broker. Lloyds Abbey rose 5p to 522p as Credit Lyonnais Laing gave the shares a helping hand.

Asda firmed 1p to 118p ahead of full-year figures on Thursday that are expected to see profits top £300 million.



Shares in BTR matched the year's low after falling 1p

But high-flier British Biotechnology tumbled 108p to £24 also ahead of figures later this week expected to reveal further losses.

Celsis International has been giving a rundown of prospects to institutional shareholders. The shares responded by rising 6p to 122p.

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premium to the ruling price. The business was completed at the £10.45 level.

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over the boost to sales from Euro '96 quickly evaporated. Kleinwort Benson and Lehman Brothers have both expressed renewed fears about pressure on margins. Whitbread slipped 2p to 716p, Scotts & Newcastle 5p to 635p and Bass 3p to 816p.

Amersham International jumped 2p to £10.18 as brokers reported a cross in 1 million shares at a substantial

discount of 3p. By the close of business, more than 36 million had changed hands.

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### Fine fare for semi-final

**CLIFFORD CHANCE** has put its contingency plan into practice for its annual summer party on Wednesday, as well as making some last-minute changes. Now that England are through to the semi-finals of Euro 96, the firm has arranged for a giant screen to be installed in the grounds of the Honourable Artillery Company. There will also be a funfair, numerous bars, and foodstalls offering delicacies from various countries. Sauerkraut and German bratwurst will, however, not be on offer. Meanwhile, Jeremy Hanley, Foreign Office Minister of State, has at the last minute cancelled his party to be held on Wednesday.

### Home fixture

**JOHN STEWART**, who takes over from Peter Robinson as chief executive of the Woolwich Building Society, has his diary carefully planned around Euro 96 too. The self-confessed workaholic, who broke from his homework to watch last Saturday's game, intends to be back home in Bromley for the semi-finals tomorrow. Meanwhile, Mr Stewart will have been up at the crack of dawn this morning for a day trip to Milan. "I didn't mention the football when I'm there," he whispered. "I think the Italians are in mourning."

### Licensed bar

**JOHN YOUNG**, chairman of Young's Brewery, had a spring in his step yesterday, tearing through the City after RamRod, the runaway ram, Midway into a photo call at Leadenhall Market, to promote the brewery's new image. RamRod caught sight of a knife-wielding butcher. He dashed into the street, spilling Mr Young's pint and knocking his bowler hat flying. His run through the City eventually came to a halt, sandwiched between Mr Young and a policewoman, outside the Lloyd's building. According to Mr Young: "She was very pretty, and insisted on having her photo taken with us."



### Many a gem ...

**THE man with the unenviable task of being Scunthorpe's first tourism manager is Andrew Wheeler.** "It's true that business-class hotels are in short supply here and there is a lack of conference facilities," he admitted yesterday, "but we are situated between two important tourist centres in Lincoln and York, and large numbers of visitors are within easy reach." According to Mr Wheeler: "The area has a lot to offer. We are just waiting to be discovered."

**ON ONE of Sun Life and Provincial's busiest days yesterday, its phone lines were struck down with a virus. From time to time a 'gremlin' in the works makes it impossible for calls to get further than the switchboard. Messages were flying around the office, but, rather than take a seat alongside the ladies on the switchboard, Michael Hart, chief executive, preferred to use his**

Some confusion aside, competition still tops the agenda he tells Christine Buckley

**W**hen the Government blocked the takeovers by the two main generators of regional companies such a wave of surprise swept through the industry that some almost looked to the heavens for an explanation. The decision seemed to fly in the face of the frenzy of takeovers that had gripped the sector since the expiry of the Government's golden share in the regional companies.

The aggrieved generators, blocked on the grounds of commanding too much market influence, found themselves without a clear idea of how they could develop further.

Stephen Littlechild, the regulator, had argued against the takeovers when they were first proposed, but he was ignored by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which found no such cause for concern. He welcomed the backing of the Department of Trade and Industry and was then quickly challenged by PowerGen. The country's second largest generator demanded clear guidelines of industry parameters before disposing of power stations it was obliged to part with.

The challenge, which seems to have yielded nothing, was curious because it tackled the regulator over what the company had declared was a political decision. Guidelines for development of the electricity industry, if it is possible to draft any, are a matter for the Government. Professor Littlechild believes:

"A lot of people were taken by surprise," he says. "Mr Lang had said that he would take certain conditions into account. I don't think it was realised quite how seriously he would take those."

"I am conscious that whatever guidance I give can be of limited value as long as the Secretary of State makes the decisions. My position has always been clear that if there is a threat to competition I shall be extremely wary of any proposal. There is a significant difference in size between National Power and PowerGen's mergers and the others that have gone ahead such as ScottishPower, or the fact that English is acquiring this plant."

"I don't know whether there is confusion. If there is then it is for the Government to explain. Mr Lang has basically said that competition will be paramount and that is what explains his decision."

Competition in generation was at the heart of the veto, although it is difficult to ascertain when sufficient generation will be obtained to allow more lateral consolidation of the industry. Mr Lang was elliptical in his explanations after the veto.

Professor Littlechild is similarly reluctant to be pinned down to a specification. "It would be very rash to say this is what we mean by a competitive industry and when we get there, there will be no more intervention."

ScottishPower, the integrated gen-

erator and distributor in Scotland which has acquired Manweb and is on course to buy Southern Water, need not worry about regulatory obstacles it seems.

Although the company has a dominant position in its home market, Professor Littlechild believes its impact on the English market is so slight as not to merit consideration.

ScottishPower faces a similarly smooth path in its quest to become a large-scale multi-utility. The regulators have satisfied themselves on the two previous water-electricity mergers — North West Water and Norweb and Welsh Water and Swalec — that dual regulation is perfectly feasible.

There are some arguments that extended regional companies can be an advantage. The water regulator and I have got various provisions for ringfencing. We will co-operate at the time of price controls so each knows what the other is doing."

ScottishPower's quest to expand on a multi-utility basis has been sculpted in anticipation of 1998, when household electricity and gas will be fully open to competition. The task of opening the market in electricity, when 25 million households will be able to shop around

will be slight in 1998 and customers will not see the bumper discounts being offered by rivals to British Gas in the South West, where 500,000 homes can buy gas competitively.

The evidence from the competitive market for industrial users of electricity has shown prices have come down and more than two-thirds of those customers have switched suppliers. Professor Littlechild believes that companies will be forced to offer more imaginative tariff ranges and to trade on slim margins.

The onslaught of full competition in domestic energy is seen by many as an opportunity to scale down regulation of the industry. Both the gas and telecoms regulator have said that recent price controls are likely to be their last.

Professor Littlechild believes there could be scope to wind down price controls after 1998, but will not be drawn on details. Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, has on several occasions sounded her belief that the gas and electricity regulators' offices would make a sensible merger.

Professor Littlechild believes there is more life in separate utility regulation yet. Conceivably, he thinks some regulatory functions could be conducted by the Office of Fair Trading, but that specialist knowledge will still play an important role.

Time for names to seek better R&R

From Mr Robert Findlay

Sir, Sarah Bagnall's news of the Defence Shield's call for an EGM is what many names have been waiting for. They can now vote for the EGM proposals and for an improved R&R. They are at the zenith of their influence, their decisions undeclared.

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### Lloyd's sums correct

From Mr Peter Hill

Sir, I am not a rocket scientist but I beg to differ with your correspondent (Letters, June 6) who challenges the mathematical precision of information contained in Lloyd's 1995 annual report.

The Council is composed of 18 members. The chart on page five shows six working members of the Council; six external members; and six nominated members. Confirmation — together with the identity of the 18 individuals — can be obtained by reference to page 56 of the report.

Unless I am very much mistaken, there are 18: there are no phantom! Yours faithfully,

PETER HILL

Head of corporate

communications,

Lloyd's of London,

1 Lime Street

### Cost to the nation of having no Terminal 5

From A. J. Lucking

Sir, The answer to Tempus's question (June 13) is the nation and in particular British businessmen. One estimate of the annual cost they will incur if there is no Terminal 5 in 2010 is nearly £1 billion. This is made up largely of higher fares due to the scarcity value of Heathrow seats, and the value of time wasted because of additional interchanges abroad.

Making travel even more unpleasant will cause some export salespersons to evade journeys they ought to make. Already, 57 per cent of UK business travellers buy economy tickets, and most have to endure Spartan conditions.

The way to end this head-on collision between the needs of BAA's shareholders, and those

services? I offer this advice — exercise your share option at 400p, so you can promptly sell them at 367.5p! As a BT shareholder, I am quite prepared to "do nothing" for a lot less than £700,000. Yours sincerely,

D. A. REYNOLDS

1 Lime Street

### Bizarre aspect of Hepher's BT payoff

From D. A. Reynolds

Sir, The most bizarre aspect of the BT/Michael Hepher fiasco is that the poor chap obviously has no clue what to do with his unwarranted cash mountain, as BT are paying on top of that for him to have financial counselling! Can we assume

equity, if other shareholders feel the same way, they should write to Sir Alastair Morton (1 Canada Square, London E14 5DU) before the annual meeting and say so.

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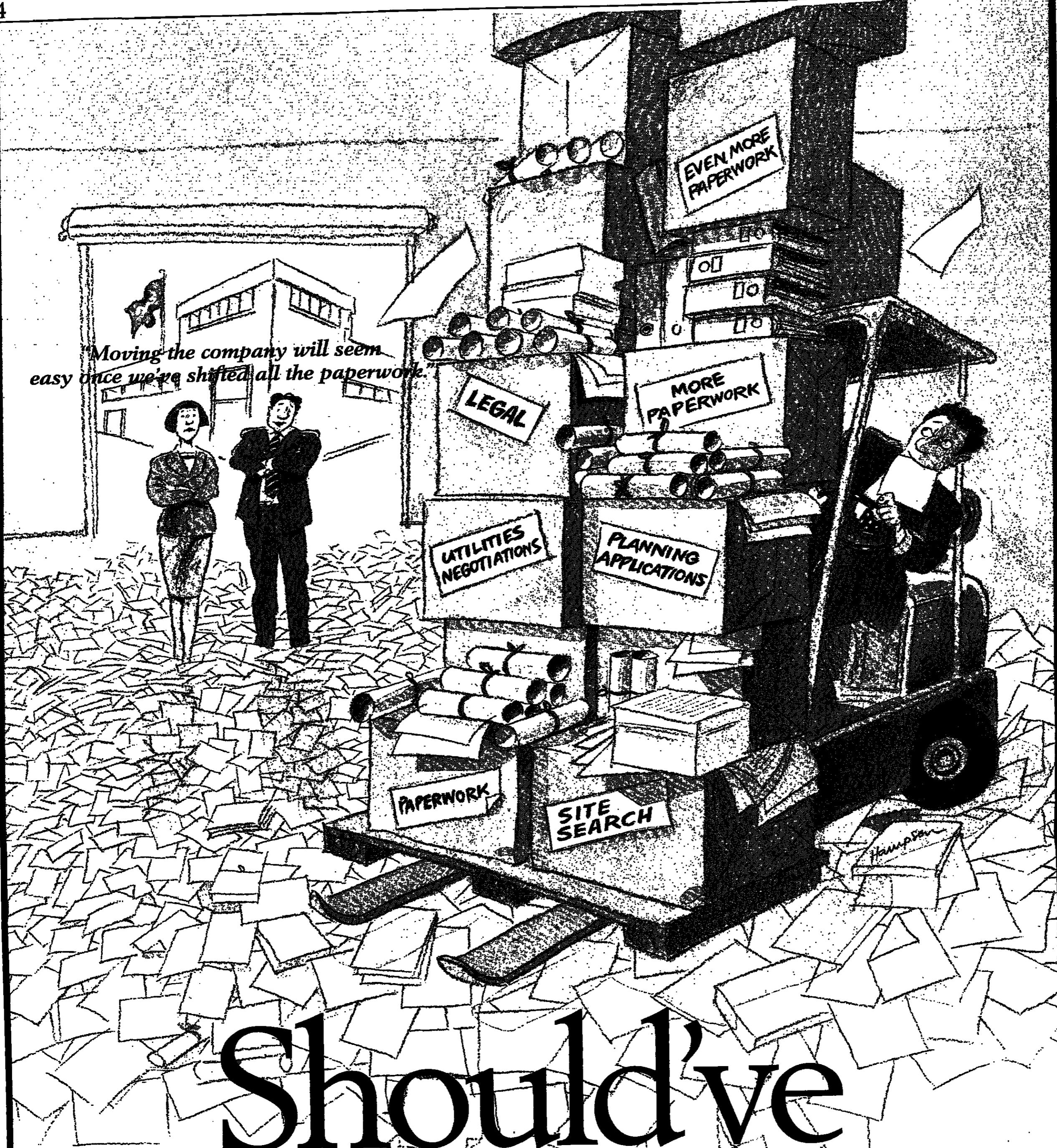
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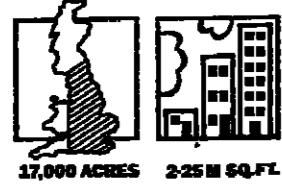
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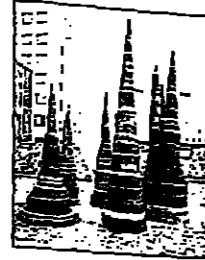


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Vive la différence!  
An odd, Gallic  
choice of British  
sculpture goes  
on show at Paris's  
Jeu de Paume



**VISUAL ART 2**  
... while Nantes  
pays handsome  
and revealing  
tribute to  
the genius of  
Henry Moore



**VISUAL ART 3**  
Perfection that  
defies the ages:  
a new show of  
early Chinese  
sculpture comes  
to London



**VISUAL ART 4**  
A 50th birthday  
show for Peter  
Prendergast  
reveals a new  
array of stormy  
landscapes

Richard Cork on an eccentric Paris survey of British sculpture; plus Henry Moore in Nantes and London shows

## A brilliant century taken out of context

There was a time when the presence of British sculpture in the Tuilleries Gardens would have been unthinkable. These hallowed spaces in central Paris were reserved for French products alone, with Maillol's impeccably dignified bronze statues of ample women given the greatest prominence of all.

Now, for the entire summer, all that Gallic chauvinism has disappeared. The central avenue of the Tuilleries has been invaded by the grey, imposing funnelled forms of Anthony Caro's multi-part *Promenade*, a specially commissioned sculpture which seems capable of advancing in martial triumph towards the Louvre itself. Near by, spectacular large-scale works by other British sculptors

are allowed to animate their surroundings. Tony Cragg, Richard Deacon and Phillip King all make an impact. Eduardo Paolozzi's *Hawker in a Japanese Manner*, its psychedelic colours freshly restored, looks as exuberant as Barry Flanagan's outside here, leaping with delight.

The mood is celebratory here, marking the advent of a major exhibition in the adjacent Jeu de Paume gallery. For the first time, Paris is exploring the prodigious flowering of British sculpture over the past century. A lavish book-length catalogue, filled with scholarly essays and excellent reproductions, shows just how momentous the event is intended to be. Inside the Jeu de Paume, though, the partiality of this selection soon becomes clear.

Daniel Abadie, the gallery's director, has chosen the artists with an utterly ruthless eye. Nothing wrong with that,

the show presented itself first and foremost as a personal choice. But Abadie's ringing title, *A Century of British Sculpture*, suggests a far more comprehensive affair. We go in expecting a well-rounded account, and find instead a story riddled with startling, unaccountable omissions.

Part of the problem may lie with the choice of venue. To do full justice to his ambitious subject, Abadie should have been given a building as capacious as the Grand Palais. The Jeu de Paume is too small, and it may have forced him into making savage exclusions. The pressures imposed by the gallery's size became apparent at once. Jacob Epstein's brooding *Torso in Metal from The Rock Drill* is marooned near the entrance, cut off from the main

display area by the bookshop and admissions desk. The Torso's isolation says a lot about Abadie's selection, for he has robbed Epstein's early masterpiece of any nourishing context. Unbelievable though it may seem, no other sculpture produced in Britain during the first 34 years of this century has been included.

Nobody would ever guess from a visit to this exhibition that carved images of the human body underwent a potent revolution at that time. The young Epstein and Eric Gill, working in harmony for a while, transformed British sculpture as early as 1910. Soon they were joined by Henri Gaudier-Brzeska, a precociously inventive Frenchman who made London his home. Abadie may argue that Gaudier belongs to France, but he made all his finest sculpture in London and became passionately involved

with the English avant-garde. The truth is that the history of British sculpture in the 20th century cannot be understood without Gaudier. He played a short-lived yet vital role in Vorticism, the most daring and explosive English movement of the period. And the work he made, along with the statements he published in the Vorticist magazine *Blast*, inspired the young Henry Moore during the 1920s.

Inexplicably, Abadie even omits the first 15 years of Moore's output. None of these formidable carvings he made

in the 1920s, culminating in the great *Reclining Figure* from Leeds, is here. Nor are the impressive carvings produced throughout the same decade by Frank Dobson, then at the height of his powers.

Instead, the exhibition leaps from the *Rock Drill* torso to the abstraction of the mid-1930s. In a small yet intense room, the interconnections between Moore, Barbara Hepworth and her husband Ben Nicholson are rewardingly explored. By this time, Moore had been stimulated to a decisive extent by Picasso, while Hepworth and Nicholson benefited from contact with Arp, Brancusi and Mondrian. Perhaps this involvement with Paris-based modernism encourages Abadie to see their work in a favourable light. In all events, their mutual obsession with purity of form emerges very lucidly.

Moore looks at home in this company, especially with his small 1934 carving where the pebble-like roundness of a simplified head is juxtaposed, at the other end of the same stone ledge, with an unadorned ball. But I missed the tougher side

of Moore, who can often be a far more disturbing sculptor than his avuncular reputation might suggest.

One of the most dramatic moments in modern British sculpture occurred after the Second World War, when Moore's obsession with monumental bulk and woman-landscape was challenged by a new generation. Their work is invisible at the Jeu de Paume. By completely ignoring Kenneth Armitage, Reg Butler, Lynn Chadwick, Bernard Meadows, William Turnbull and the rest, Abadie implies

that the 1950s were a barren period. But the fact is that their vision of humanity and the animal world was genuinely innovative. It could have provided a powerful section of the show, and should ideally include early bronze work by Caro and Paolozzi as well.

Caro only makes an entrance as a fully fledged abstractivist in the early 1960s, welding and painting metal with masterful yet agile assurance. His presence is outstanding, above all in a spare and supple work called *The Window*. But he once again lacks the context

which the experiments of the 1950s would have provided.

Although Phillip King's exhilarating early abstractions enjoy generous space, other leading sculptors of the 1960s are nowhere to be seen. Nor are most of the young artists who, in the following decade, renegotiated British sculpture's relationship with landscape. Richard Long is seen in heroic isolation, unless Michael Craig-Martin's classic conceptual *An Oak Tree* is perversely regarded as a meditation on the English countryside.

At this point, the installation of the show becomes very erratic. One well-organised room contains only Anish Kapoor's early, intensely luminous powder-pigment sculpture and Antony Gormley's crouching figure perched high on the opposite wall. The next room, however, seems cluttered. Bill Woodrow's sprawling *Elephant* deserves more space, but is here displayed uncomfortably near a group of Deacon's 1980s works.

At least Abadie redeems himself in the most recent part of the exhibition, where Damien Hirst's *Mother and Child Divided* is given a room of its own. So is Rachel Whiteread's *Ghost*, her haunting cast of a room which looked like a landmark British sculpture the moment it was first displayed. The pleasure gained from seeing it here, however, is marred by realising how many artists should also have been included at this point.

If Abadie had called the show *Aspects of 20th-Century British Sculpture*, his exclusions would be less baffling. But the title he chose is ill-served by a selection that ends up looking cruelly eccentric, and leaving out far too much.

• *A Century of British Sculpture at the Jeu de Paume, 1 Place de la Concorde, Paris (033 51 25 06 46) until Sept 15*



Damien Hirst's *Mother and Child Divided* is one of the few works with a room of its own in an often jumbled overview of British sculpture

## First thoughts reveal Moore

It sometimes seems as if Henry Moore's is the only empire on which the sun never sets. Doubtless the number of retrospectives will increase as the 1990s centenary approaches. But it is unlikely that any will be so sensuously beautiful or revealing as Henry Moore: l'expression pré-mière, in Nantes, at the Musée des Beaux Arts.

Its extraordinary effect is attributable to two things: the wonderful aptness of the surroundings in Nantes, and the fact that the show has a clear concept. The Musée des Beaux Arts is a grandiose Neo-Baroque building with a suite of high, light and splendid galleries encircling a central court. But it has been totally refurbished and the central court glassed in to make a great, gleaming white cube of an exhibition space.

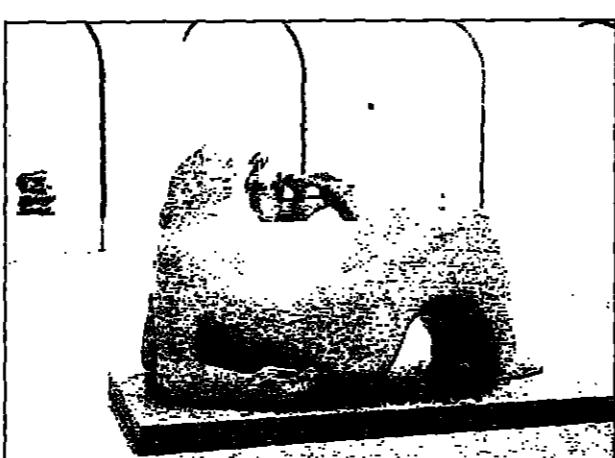
This is where these Moores are sited, and the location is ideal. They can be seen from the same level or from above, where a sort of gallery offers endless vantage points.

The strength of this selection turns on the dramatic decision to exclude all bronzes. Instead the show concentrates on the carvings, mostly early, and the original plasters from which the later bronzes were cast. Many plasters have never been seen in public before.

WHAT is most astonishing about early Chinese art is the way that it often seems to stand outside time and place.

John Russell Taylor writes. In the new exhibition, *Sculpture and Ornament in Early Chinese Art* at Eskenazi, the point is made with force by some of the very earliest pieces. Sometimes, as with the *daigou* (garment hook) of gilt and silvered bronze with turquoise, one seems to be looking at a very stylish invention of Art Deco, only to find that it dates from the 4th to 3rd century BC. Or there is the pair of bronze, copper and turquoise food vessels, dating from the 5th to 4th century BC. At this archaic period apparently had a strong sense of cultural competitiveness, and the arts seem to have taken a quantum leap into the future before settling down into patterns we would immediately recognise.

Chris Beetles revives interest in a married couple who worked in close collaboration. John and Isobel Morton-Sale. They frequently took a joint credit for the books they illustrated, and though for the books they illustrated, and though possibly they never both worked on the same drawing, their styles were so



Nantes displays a great sculptor in an unusual light

though Moore himself evidently felt they were important and preserved them.

It might be supposed that they were only stages on the way to the finished bronze, and could not offer anything more or different. But this is not true. For one thing, despite their varieties of patina, the bronzes are much more uniform than the plasters, which have often been carefully finished off and in some cases faintly coloured or polished to give them distinctive surface textures quite different from the corresponding bronzes.

This element of colour is brilliantly highlighted by the

similar that one never has the impression of divided authorship. What they are remembered for are their gentle childhood portraits, which coast along the edge of sentimentality. The catalogue makes play of their relationship to the Neo-Romantic painters of the 1940s, but in fact they belong to the pre-war world of E.H. Shepard's A.A. Milne illustrations, with an occasional glance towards Rackham for the more fantastic moments.

Chris Beetles, 3 & 10 Ryder Street, SW1 (071-339 7551) until July 19

It is often wise to beware of dealers bearing gifts of miscellaneous summer shows. However, one can feel safe going to any show labelled Victorian Pictures at the Maas Gallery. This year's collection is peculiarly rich — and at times richly peculiar. Albert Goodwin's large *Under the Roof of the World*, for instance, originally shown in 1897 as an "imaginative landscape", is an astonishing mix of John Martin and late Turner. Other works on show correspond more closely to conventional ideas of Victorian art.

There is a fine, small oil study for Emily

Mary Osborn's famous picture, *Nameless and Friendless*, a good romantic Arthur Hughes, *The Painted Heart*; a sensuous and symbolic Herbert James Draper, a study for *Clytie of the Mist*; and a typical Alma-Tadema evocation of ancient sunshine, *Dolce Far Niente*. Most surprising is a study by Watts for his *Ophelia*, while most desirable would have to be split between Millais's fully Pre-Raphaelite drawing, *Lost Love*, and a watercolour by Ruskin called *A July Thunder Cloud, Val d'Aosta*, painted in 1858.

Maas Gallery, 15 Clifford Street, W1 (0171-734 2302), until July 19

The work of Peter Prendergast has not been seen in London for three years, ever since the touring show which began at the National Museum of Wales had a brief airing at Agnew's. Now his 50th birthday is marked with a show of recent paintings and drawings. Prendergast's Wales is tempest-tossed, his brushwork agitated in a way which suggests now Auerbach's jaundiced view of Primrose Hill, now Eardley's vision of the windswept Scottish coast. But it suggests neither very closely. Prendergast has always been a painter who follows his own line.

Boundary Gallery, 98 Boundary Road, NW8 (0171-624 1126), until July 20

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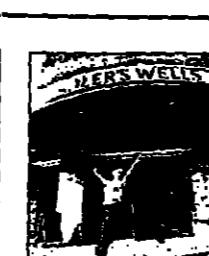
Wholesome ballads and Mexican waves fill a packed Wembley Arena as Mariah Carey comes to London



## ■ POP 2

... but there was nothing very wholesome about the Sex Pistols' reunion in Finsbury Park

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Sadler's Wells Theatre plays out 65 years of memories before the builders move in



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At the Aldeburgh Festival, the Finnish composer Magnus Lindberg adds lustre to his reputation

**POP:** Mariah Carey, high priestess of power, and those old devils the Sex Pistols preach to two sets of believers

# Top notes that come in wads

Mariah Carey  
Wembley Arena

In the six years since the lungs from Long Island first came to prominence, their owner's countless millions of record sales around the world have granted her the first name familiarity afforded only a few female stars. There's Barbra, there's Tina, there's Diana. And over and above all of them as a worldwide commodity, there's Mariah.

Such pre-eminence has been achieved with song after song from an apparently endless supply of emotionally charged pop, each production embellished with tooling from Carey's R&B vocabulary. Remarkably, too, her success in this country has been achieved without her fans being able to appreciate the Carey phenomenon at first hand. Until now, as she arrived in north London to make a belated live British debut.

Wave after Mexican wave made its way around Wembley Arena: six years of anticipation had made the crowd excitable, and the appearance of their all-American heroine was no letdown. Carey was lowered in a cage on to a tastefully opulent stage featuring two staircases and with band members grouped to the left and right. The door to the cage opened, and the freed songbird in black ballgown was ready.

*Emotions* was a well-chosen opener, typical of her breezy optimism of her up-tempo songs and vehicle for her famous octave-straddling range. Close behind, from the current album, *Daydream* — another double-platinum seller in Britain — came *Open Arms*, the first of the huge and wholesome ballads to which Carey is so partial.

No matter how glitzy her material, her demeanour was spontaneous and likeable, as she waved an England football scarf and later kicked a football into the audience. Terry Venables need not make a place for her in his side, but the trick was another demonstration of Carey's polished and relaxed stage presence.

She also knows how to use all the visual theatrics available. *Fantasy* employed a troupe of six dancers in a slick routine; the London Community Gospel Choir packed the stage for *Make it Happen*, returning for the encore of *Anytime You Need a Friend*. Carey herself was as nimble in the dressing-room as she was in performance, totting up six different costumes in a 100-minute show.

Slow pieces such as *Hero* and her remake of *Without You* pointed to the reason that Carey is sometimes accused of an overwrought vocal style. Her singing trademark is a heavily stylised embroidery of almost every note, now so ingrained that she knows how to moderate it. Such gilding of the lily only serves to undermine the melodic structure of the piece.

In the carefully researched pop marketplace of the 1990s, Carey challenges little but satisfies much and, with the help of the thousands of happy British fans who finally got their wish here, one can see those platinum awards still shining on to the millennium — and far beyond.

PAUL SEXTON

FEW theatres are so fondly remembered as Sadler's Wells. Thus, after all, was where three of Britain's greatest companies — the Royal Ballet, Birmingham Royal Ballet and English National Opera — were born; where the single most important event in postwar British musical life — the premiere of Britten's *Peter Grimes* — occurred; where actors such as Gielgud and Richardson regularly trod the boards.

Now, 65 years after Lilian Baylis opened her new theatre at the site of the Royal Sadler's curative wells, the place is coming down. By the end of this week the existing building will close. In July the north London venue becomes a construction site. Two years and £8 million later there will



Mariah Carey, splendidly over the top and finally over here, wows Wembley Arena

## Bringing the house down

## CONCERT

Farewell Gala  
Sadler's Wells

be yet another new theatre on the spot (the fifth since 1683) and a little piece of history will be gone forever.

So the mood at Sunday night's farewell gala was understandably mixed: sadness at the loss of a landmark, excitement at the rebirth of a much-loved tradition. Sadler's Wells has probably influenced a wider range of British cultural life than anywhere else and they came from the worlds of opera, dance, theatre, operetta and pantomime to see the old girl out. Godfrey Kenton, who as Orsino in *Twelfth Night*

spoke the first words on Lilian Baylis's new stage in 1931, was there in front of us, still going strong at 94; and in the audience sat Dame Ninette de Valois, the 98-year-old founder of the Royal Ballet.

The song and dance show was

weighted in favour of song: Sir Donald McIntyre belted out *The Calf of Gold* from *Faust* as if there were no tomorrow, and the dancers Marion Tait and Roland Price surprised us all with a terrific vocal turn in a specially rewritten *Couple of Swells*. The Gilbert and Sullivan went on too long — as did the gala itself, but Wayne Sleep did a wonderful Charlie Chaplin imitation. And Rosemary Ashe, Anne Collins and Della Jones brought the house down with their hilarious Three Divas spoof of the Three Tenors, treating us to a

sequinned *Nessus Dorma* — complete with white handkerchiefs.

There were jokes about architectural heritage (courtesy of Nickolas Grace) but no getting away from the theatre's shortcomings: the cramped seating, poor sightlines, overcrowded foyers, tiny stage and puny backstage facilities. Ian Albery, the boss of Sadler's Wells, promised us a theatre for the 21st century with 1,600 comfortable seats, a stage as big as the Coliseum's and a chameleon auditorium that will enable dance to be staged in radically different ways. In the meantime Sadler's Wells is relocating to the Royal Theatre, which will be renamed the Peacock.

DEBRA CRAINE

## CLASSICAL CHOICE

A guide to the best available recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3



Mozart's Mass in C minor  
reviewed by Anthony Burton

If Mozart had finished this, it would have been as long as the B minor Mass of Bach — and as much of a milestone in musical history. Sadly, the work, intended as a thanks-offering for Mozart's wedding, was to remain a torso, and one presenting several problems for modern editors. It is only in recent decades that it has entered the standard choral repertoire.

Few of the recordings of the Mass involving full-size symphony orchestras are entirely convincing. Colin Davis's London Symphony Chorus and Orchestra hurl ferocious attacks into the unsuitably vast spaces of Westminster Cathedral. Georg Solti's tattered account is let down by the inadequate Vienna Opera Chorus. Herbert von Karajan's monumental conception of the great choruses is fatally flawed by the weakness of the Wiener Singverein sopranos.

However, Leonard Bernstein galvanized the Bavarian Radio Chorus and Symphony Orchestra into a powerful and insightful performance (DG 431 791-2). Even more satisfying is Claudio Abbado with the Berlin Radio Choir and Berlin Philharmonic, and probably the best solo team of any, led by the sweet and true Barbara Bonney (Sony Classical SK 4667).

Among mid-scale recordings by chamber orchestras of modern instruments, the lead-

ing accounts are Helmuth Rilling's with Stuttgart forces, cool and clear but just too uninvolving, and the two versions by Neville Marriner with his Academy and Chorus of St Martin in the Fields. The earlier, more evenly paced, is on Philips (446 197-2).

But my final choice lies among those recordings which attempt to enter Mozart's own

Engine, receiving its premiere, still has its hard, glittering surfaces and frantic motion. If halostones and whirlwinds created music, it would sound like this. But there are rich timbres and cogent harmonic progressions too, as well as demanding virtuoso demands; the Sinfon-

## Sparks in the engine room

## ALDEBURGH

Ietta under Markus Stenz rose magnificently to the challenge. The other new Lindberg piece was more relaxed in spirit: *Arena II* glances back to Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring* in its pulsating dance passages and to Sibelius in its primordial, open brass chords.

In the same concert George Benjamin's *Three Inventions*, first heard at the Salzburg Festival last year, began in sombre mood and became black. First came a disquieting flute horn solo, then a bridle, dark scherzo. But these

were mere preludes to a last movement which, with subterranean scoring and baleful crashes, seemed wracked from a nasty nightmare. What does it all mean? Much more fun was Colin Matthews's *Hidden Variables*: a sparkling, ten-minute in-joke at the expense of several famous minimalists.

The Aldeburgh Festival's final weekend also included Julian Anderson: *A Musical Portrait*, a morning concert in which the 28-year-old English composer introduced music by himself and those he admires. One of these proved to be Galina Ustovskaya, veter-

an Russian recluse and if her champions are to be believed one of the century's great undiscovered composers. But her Trio for piano, violin and clarinet — though persuasively played by Ian Pace, Rebecca van der Post and Guy Cowley — seemed remorselessly austere and joyless, especially before lunch.

Anderson's own music, by contrast, was a tonic. We heard Pace's stupendous first performances of *Two Piano Etudes*, pieces that dazzled in about eight different idioms at once, from Bach to an Ella Fitzgerald homage (the second etude was finished only a week ago). And Anderson's *Bearded Lady*, a typically East European-tinted "battle" between clarinet and piano, was an exhilarating melodrama in sound.

RICHARD MORRISON

Maxwell Davies's savage elegy

LIKE the Arctic terms wheeling high above the harbour Peter Maxwell Davies's Sixth Symphony has come home to roost. This new work was written, typically, in the composer's isolated stone cottage on the island of Hoy; but it is his first symphony to receive an Orkney premiere.

The Royal Philharmonic, celebrating its 50th anniversary, travelled up in three plane loads, and the first performance was conducted by Maxwell Davies himself in Kirkwall's tiny Phoenix Cinema at the start of this year's 20th St Magnus Festival. It will now make its way to the Proms (August 6) and the Barbican (October 11).

After the austerity of the chamber-orchestral Fourth and the single-movement Fifth, the Sixth Symphony returns to the human scale and the power of Maxwell Davies's symphonies lies in the way that their intellectual problem-solving expresses itself in a palpable physical and emotional energy. And in this new symphony there is a new intensity of outworking — and a new darkness.

The starting point is a slow tune from Maxwell Davies's own *Time and the Raven*, written for the 50th anniversary of the United Nations and given a robust performance in a separate Kirkwall concert the following day. It permeates the symphony's three movements, tossed, turned and transformed in the dark voices of bass woodwind and brass which, together with the rehabilitated glockenspiel, marimba and huge drums, dominate this score.

Throughout the work the virtuosity of the RPO soloists

are pushed almost to breaking point: there is tremendous excitement here.

The second movement is characterised by shock and after shock: layers peel away only to be buffered by a demonic scherzo which constantly disrupts the gradual surfacing of the slow-moving heart of the work. That heart beat is finally bared in the third and last movement.

Maxwell Davies wrote this symphony in just a few weeks in the late winter of this year. Uncannily, just as he was completing it, he heard of the death of his great friend and colleague, the poet George Mackay Brown. This long, raging funeral rite of a symphony, written in the dark pulses of sea and wind, is dedicated to his memory.

HILARY FINCH

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Some candidates, not others, can pull off a joke with success. But they are rare, and the vast atmosphere of pure seriousness of the interview must be replicated. More often, attempts at humour signify nervousness. Sometimes, they are simply a disguise for aggression. Either way, they fail to impress. Our advice is to err on the side of caution. Being too heavy, of course, doesn't help, but appearing flippant is more dangerous.

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## LAW

# Voice of the victim

The Home Secretary has agreed to the idea of impact statements. But, says Annerleigh Harrison, there may be problems ahead

**S**tuart Ferguson almost died in an attempted murder. Years later, the effects — physical, financial and emotional — still haunt him and his family.

At a recent Victim Support conference he was asked: "What single change would you make to the criminal justice system?"

Without hesitation, he replied: "A chance for victims to tell the court the full effects, for them and their families. I never got that chance. The jury never knew how much we all suffered."

The suffering continued, he added, although the physical and the emotional effects changed. "Victims' comments should be updated," he said, "during the sentence and before release."

He was calling for victim impact statements — the victim's voice in court — to be put on paper, if not made in person. And last week Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, pledged to introduce them. He said that victims should have the chance to explain the effect of the crime against them.

This will then be taken into account by courts before they decide how to deal with the offender. Mr Howard is planning for year-long pilot schemes to be launched in six police force areas in August, to test how "impact statements" would work. Victims of the most serious crimes would be excluded.

The victim has no special status in a trial, no equivalent to the defence's "plea in mitigation". Victims' fears and grievances are seldom formally aired. Increasingly, though, victims are demanding a chance to be heard.

In America, this is achieved routinely by victim impact statements — but these have been an alien concept in British justice and, despite Mr Howard's agenda, remain controversial. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, who has just retired as Lord Chief Justice, addressing the same Newcastle upon Tyne conference, called victim impact statements "an American import we can well do without".

Lord Taylor was not unsymp-

## A trial examines the crime, rather than the impact

Even Victim Support, however, is wary of victim impact statements. Implementation problems still abound. How should victim impact statements be made? At what stage? To which agency? (Everyone pleads insufficient resources; some, inappropriate remit?) Would victims always be told what was reported on their behalf? How? What about updating? (Trials take many months to reach Crown Court.)

Five police authorities have started a pilot project to collect and update victim statements, but scarce resources make this a difficult target.

To whom should statements be available? All agencies? All witnesses? The defence? And what then of the right of challenge? Could the victim be cross-examined in court? What of confidentiality? Should the victim have a chance to give his or her statement personally in court? If so, to what purpose? To provide official recognition of the victim's troubles, to elicit the



Despite all the doubts, devastated victims are still crying to be heard

court's sympathy or even to influence compensation claims?

There is professional anxiety that victim impact statements could sway sentencing. The "quality" of the statements, especially if delivered in person, would vary widely according to the character, demeanour and articulateness of victims. Some victims may be deliberately wengeful, or forgiving. Uneven sentencing could result.

**H**ard though it may be for victims to accept, a British trial examines the crime, not the impact. Victims' interest and "the public interest" may not coincide. It would seem unjust if an offender were sentenced according to how badly the victim was perceived to have suffered.

Devastated victims, however, may not accept this. For victims themselves, impact statements are double-edged swords. The potential for fur-

ther pain is enormous. What could be worse than being "consulted" — and then apparently discounted? Being cross-examined by defence counsel could. If the victim's views were considered to have affected verdict or sentence, would the victim feel "guilty"? Worse, he or she could fear even suffer, intimidation, especially in cases involving violence. Victim Support asserts the victim's right "to be free of the burden of decisions relating to the offender" — with good reason.

If victim impact statements become the norm, what would happen when the victim — shy, frightened, aged or ill, perhaps with learning difficulties — couldn't "do it"? Would their case suffer? Would compensation be affected? The victim would end up blaming himself.

Despite such arguments, victims are still crying to be heard. The more serious the offence, the louder they insist

Some are now engaging solicitors to submit their statements because "the system" does not. Rejecting well-meant advice, victims are demanding their say, and involvement in decision-making.

Perhaps criminal justice professionals should listen — really listen. Maybe a legally acceptable way can be found to give victims the voice that they crave and to provide them with helpful advice on how to use it.

• The writer is a witness service co-ordinator.

## Under the hammer

**T**HE LATE Lord Goodman's art collection goes under the hammer at Bonhams tomorrow. As well as being the leading lawyer of his generation, Lord Goodman was well known as a patron of the arts. His paintings, which he started collecting at university, range from 17th-century works to 1970s Op Art by Bridget Riley, one of his close friends. Legal subjects, not surprisingly, are included: there are works by Jean-Louis Forain, the French turn-of-the-century artist, plus caricatures and cartoons of the great man himself.

### Great dedication

**J**EFFREY ARCHER'S latest novel, *The Fourth Estate*, is a testament to his close friendship with the cream of the legal profession. Dedicated to "Michael and Judith", it cites a Mr Michael Beloff, QC, acting for *The Globe* in battle with a Mr Anthony Grabman (his spelling, not mine), QC, for *The Citizen*.

### First target

HOW does Michael Howard — himself a silk — regard the new Lord Chief Justice? "The



clever brains on the Bench" was his comment — or words to that effect. Less keen on the appointment are the Bar rank and file, who look likely to be Lord Bingham of Cornhill's first target, rather than Mr Howard's sentencing policies. First stop? Rights of audience for Crown prosecutors, this autumn.

• **SPORTS-MAD** City solicitors S.J. Berwin are doing their bit for England's Glory, an exhibition of British artists' tributes to football. The exhibition, the most extensive collection of football art since

sure that this happens, including a recommendation that pupil masters should be of at least seven years' call.

• **WATCH OUT** for a BBC1 documentary series on the criminal justice system — this time focusing on women. Law Women has looked at the work of a detective inspector, a lawyer and a prison governor — all juggling jobs with babies, homes and husbands. Tracy Cook, producer of the series, says: "Women in the law are a rarity — it's still a man's world." The series starts on July 2.

### Pupil power

THE REPORT of the Bar Council's working group on pupillages, led by Mr Justice Hooper, has been endorsed by both the Bar Council and the four Inns of Court.

There is, however, one suggestion that is sure to have some chambers quaking in their boots. The working group would like former pupils to draw up an alternative prospectus for pupillages. These should be along the lines of a prospectus which is already published by the Bar school students and is praised by the working group for providing practical advice "with a touch of irreverence and humour".

The group's general conclusions are that there is nothing wrong with the pupillage system so long as its rules and regulations are complied with by pupils and pupil masters and mistresses. It does, however, propose a series of "interventionist measures" to en-

sure that this happens, including a recommendation that pupil masters should be of at least seven years' call.

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## The clever tricks to catch clever Dicks

**T**he dirty tricks used in personal injury claims have been exposed to the unsympathetic scrutiny of the Court of Appeal. Recently, the court upheld an award of £190,000 to George Drummond for work injuries after Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council argued that the trial judge had allowed his disease for the council's methods to affect his judgment.

The council had hired a private investigator to pose as a market researcher and offer Mr Drummond money to wash his car with a shampoo. A video film was taken of Mr Drummond washing his car and this was produced in court in an attempt to show that he had exaggerated his injuries. The Court of Appeal accepted that the activity had caused Mr Drummond great pain and condemned the council for "unacceptable practices".

Fake market researchers and secret videos are staples in the personal injury business, which is a very dirty game. The dirty dealing starts with the plaintiff's doctor. The classic example is the weekend sporting accident the plaintiff says happened the following day at his workplace when he slipped on an uncleaned floor.

Many "professional claimants" are permanently unemployed and have to "rely" on uneven pavements. As it is well established that it is a breach of statutory duty for the highway authority to allow more than 1.5 inches of unevenness in a pavement, any such unevenness will become a magnet for trippers. One Northern Ireland claimant managed to trip over 14 pavements in a year.

The insurance companies are, of course, aware of this and one large company is renowned for its cynicism over tripping claims. Respectable middle-aged women who trip during their mid-morning shopping are likely to be asked whether they had been drinking that morning. Anyone tripping after leaving licensed premises will be assumed to be drunk until proved otherwise.

The personal injury industry divides into plaintiffs' and defendants' representatives. This is particularly so with solicitors and doctors. Senior medical men often find themselves acting almost exclusively for one side or other. The defendant's doctors are selected for their unsympathetic attitude towards claimants. Some of them, while conducting medical examinations, expertly cross-examine the plaintiff as to how the accident happened. The medical report then contains damaging comments that the plaintiff admitted he was responsible for the accident. Because these doctors are being paid by the insurance company, they can dispense

with any pleasantries — one consultant surgeon in Shropshire used to preface any examination by saying: "If you managed to get here, there can't be anything wrong with you."

Some plaintiff's doctors are just as bad, and they are sought out by firemen and policemen on behalf of a handicapped child who had been knocked down on a pedestrian crossing by a motorist who drove through a red traffic light.

Insurance companies are full of tricks for undermining the plaintiff. I was once instructed on behalf of a handicapped child who had been knocked down on a pedestrian crossing by a motorist who drove through a red traffic light.

If a plaintiff is privately paying, some companies will defend the case in the hope that the plaintiff will run out of money and be unable to pursue it. This is known in the trade as "running them out of chips". If the plaintiff persists in taking the case to court, the final weapon in the insurer's armoury is the video.

The purpose of the video is to show that the plaintiff is not really injured at all. This is done by filming the defendant doing something suitably athletic. Filming techniques vary. One favourite is to film the plaintiff crossing the road. If the plaintiff fails to show enough sprightliness, an accomplice drives a car at the plaintiff to make him jump out of the way. The video can be edited to remove the incoming car and then adjustments are made to the tape speed to make the plaintiff appear to be walking briskly before dashing across the road.

A ny witnesses going to court are likely to be nobbled if left unattended. Most are unsure of themselves and if an officious person approaches and asks them to sign a statement, they do. It is only when they are giving evidence and the statement is handed to them that they realise that what they have signed contradicts their original statement. The new statement was taken by the other side's solicitor, who was taking advantage of the rule that there is no property in a witness. Prudent solicitors keep their witnesses "corralled" and let the judges know as little as possible about the dirty work outside the court. It is not something that bears close scrutiny.

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# A new Spanish custom

Jury service demands will come as a rude shock to most Spaniards, reports Josephine Carr

**T**here may be queries on the role of jurors, especially since the O.J. Simpson trial, but the new Spanish Government has just introduced rules for criminal trials.

However, while the Spanish Constitution, which heralded the return of democracy 20 years ago, included the principle that the Spanish people should participate in the administration of justice, the impending creation of juries has met with a mixture of amusement and indifference.

"Because the Spanish have not grown up with a jury system," says Ernesto Diaz-Bastien, a partner in the Madrid firm Diaz-Bastien & Truan, "their only knowledge of juries comes from watching American television shows. Juries are not seen as an essential part of the democratic system and people are generally satisfied with their criminal justice system."

There are also concerns about the costs involved. "Juries have been labelled an expensive luxury, particularly at a time when there is a budget crisis here," says Señor Diaz-Bastien. "No one knows the true cost, but in order to set up the system, facilities such as jury rooms must be built."

The Spanish studied the English and continental mod-

els when putting together their own. The result is that a Spanish jury is independent of the judge and drawn from the general public. It will consist of nine people, of whom a majority of seven must vote to establish a guilty verdict. But just five votes are needed to record a not guilty verdict.

Juries will sit only in certain cases. The most important are murder, fraud, and environmental crimes. The environment was included, says Luis de Carlos Bertran, a partner with Uria & Menéndez in Madrid, because the environment is an issue of public concern. Allowing a jury to decide on guilt or innocence in environmental crimes is causing concern among the business community, which is afraid that it will result in many more convictions.

Surprisingly, and despite a strong lobby in some legal circles, sexual crimes and crimes of violence that do not result in death are not tried by jury.

There are concerns that because of the general indifference, it will be hard to get people to turn up to do their jury service. Jurors will be selected using the annual census, and every two years a pool of possible jurors will be created by ballot. Attention has already focused on how to



avoid doing jury service. Señor Diaz-Bastien says: "The list of exemptions is short. That is partly because we lack experience and have not yet thought of all situations in which it will be impractical for people to sit on a jury. In our

London office our secretary was selected for jury service, so we sent a letter saying she was essential to the office and she was excused. That will not be possible in Spain."

There is a danger that indifference will turn to hostil-

ity when people realise the implications. But, says Señor Diaz-Bastien: "The Spanish system is new and will have to accommodate the needs of the general public, just as the English system has done over the centuries." He is optimistic

about the Spanish people's ability to do the job. "It will work," he says. "Why not? If people are of an age to vote why shouldn't they decide whether someone is guilty or not? We should not fear their opinions on the facts."

Frances Gibb on a pyrrhic victory against a £2.5m libel action

## When a winner is the loser

A MAN who was forced to defend himself against a £2.5 million libel action and won went to court last week to try to recover £250,000 legal costs, still owed to him a year after the action.

Ian Hill, the managing director of Bristol Uniforms, one of the country's leading manufacturers of fire-fighting clothing, found himself forced to defend a libel action last year at a cost of more than £400,000. But under the rules governing legal costs, Mr Hill recouped only £140,000 of his legal costs – and that only in April this year, nine months after the action.

The case arose over comments that he was alleged to have made when asked his opinion about some material that was being put on the market

for use in firefighters' protective clothing.

Proceedings were filed in 1992 by David Matthews, a businessman whose company, Matex, based in Wrexham, Clwyd, was marketing the material.

Mr Matthews sued for libel over remarks Mr Hill is alleged to have made when the latter's opinion was sought by a fire brigade supplies officer about the material. Mr Hill says he had no choice but to defend

himself against the action. But he then found himself out of pocket because of "massive" legal costs, which he doubts he will ever recover.

Last July, after an 11-day hearing, the court agreed that Mr Matthews should not have put forward the material without adequate testing.

Mr Justice Wright said that Mr Matthews had presented "a combination of conspiracy theory, wishful thinking and self-deception". He suspected that Mr Matthews had

intended to gain substantial sums at the hands of a jury as compensation for what he feared was doomed to be an unsuccessful business venture.

A hearing to agree the costs resulted in Mr Matthews and his companies paying out £140,000. But because lawyers disputed items in the bill of costs, only an interim order could be made. A second chamber hearing said Mr Hill should receive another £131,000, leaving more than £100,000 outstanding.

Mr Hill said: "Mr Matthews and his lawyers questioned every item on the list of costs. This was entirely legal under the legislation, but effectively meant that only an interim order [on costs] could be made. I will not now recover the £100,000, which common sense would tell everybody is still owed to me. The law must change."

Richard Holmes, Mr Hill's solicitor, said: "In commonsense terms, the situation is ludicrous. Everyone knows that Mr Matthews owes the money. But until the bill was taxed by the court, it is theoretically possible the court could say that Mr Matthews does not owe any more."

Mr Matthews would not comment, but said that he would settle the bill.

## How the law firms survived

Businesses in Manchester had workable contingency plans for the aftermath of terrorist attacks

**T**he IRA bomb in Manchester took its toll of the business community. It had a contingency plan to use it as a switchboard, and by Saturday night, faxes were being handled from home by Deborah Ascott-Jones, the marketing director.

Halliwells Latham, only 50 yards up the hill from Addleshaw, was comparatively undamaged. (It is a more modern building than Dennis House, which Addleshaw Sons & Latham, were accommodated by another firm.)

The devastation of Addleshaw's two offices was a cruel irony.

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Addleshaw had, however, drawn on the experience of Norton Rose in preparing a disaster plan. The Corps of Commissioners created a switchboard for it in Trafford, and James Chapman & Co., another law firm, gave its two largest conference rooms, one as a post room and the other for a management team.

On Wednesday, structural engineers said the buildings were safe and cleaners, glaziers and half the staff moved back into the Dennis House office (the Pall Mall office was too badly damaged to be back in business immediately).

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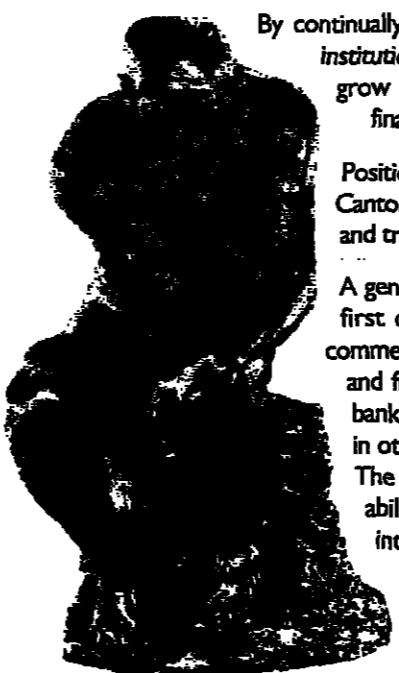
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## RACING

# Lameness forces Shaamit to miss Irish Derby

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

**FOR** the second time this month, a Derby will be denied the true favourite because of a foot injury. After Dr Massini's mishap, Shaamit, Epsom's equine hero, has been found lame after twisting a shoe on his off-fore hoof and will miss the Irish classic at the Curragh on Sunday.

Just how the setback occurred is a mystery, as William Haggas, Shaamit's trainer, explained yesterday: "I have no idea how he did it — he had a long walk on Sunday morning and was absolutely fine afterwards. It is unfortunate but it is a short-term setback, but just long enough to rule him out of the race."

"I suppose it is better that it happened last night as we have saved ourselves the £660,000 supplementary fee. In that respect the timing was right but it's God's Law really because I spent most of yesterday telling everyone how well he was and now I have to turn round and say this."

He added: "He has twisted a shoe and is lame and sore. It was found at evening stables last night so we have taken the shoe off and applied a poultice."

Shaamit should be fine in a few days and Haggas hopes to have a shoe back on his classic winner by tomorrow. "If we didn't have to supplement him we might have gone to Ireland, but I could not take the

risk. In these races you have to be 100 per cent."

The colt, who won on his seasonal reappearance at Epsom, will now be prepared for the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot or a step back in trip for Sandown's Eclipse Stakes.

Ladbrokes quickly revised the ante-post odds and their new 13-8 favourite is Dushyant, who finished runner-up to Shaamit, while Dr Massini is 9-4. They then beat 3-1 Alhaarth (from 4-2), 10-1 Polaris Flight, Sharaf Kabeer, 16-1 Amforas, 25-1 Rainbow Blues, His Excellence.

Polaris Flight, trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam, also suffered an injury scare yes-

terday when he was found to have pulled off a shoe but was found to be fine. "He goes for the Irish Derby and he will run very well," Mick Kinane thought he should have won the French Derby, the Manton trainer said.

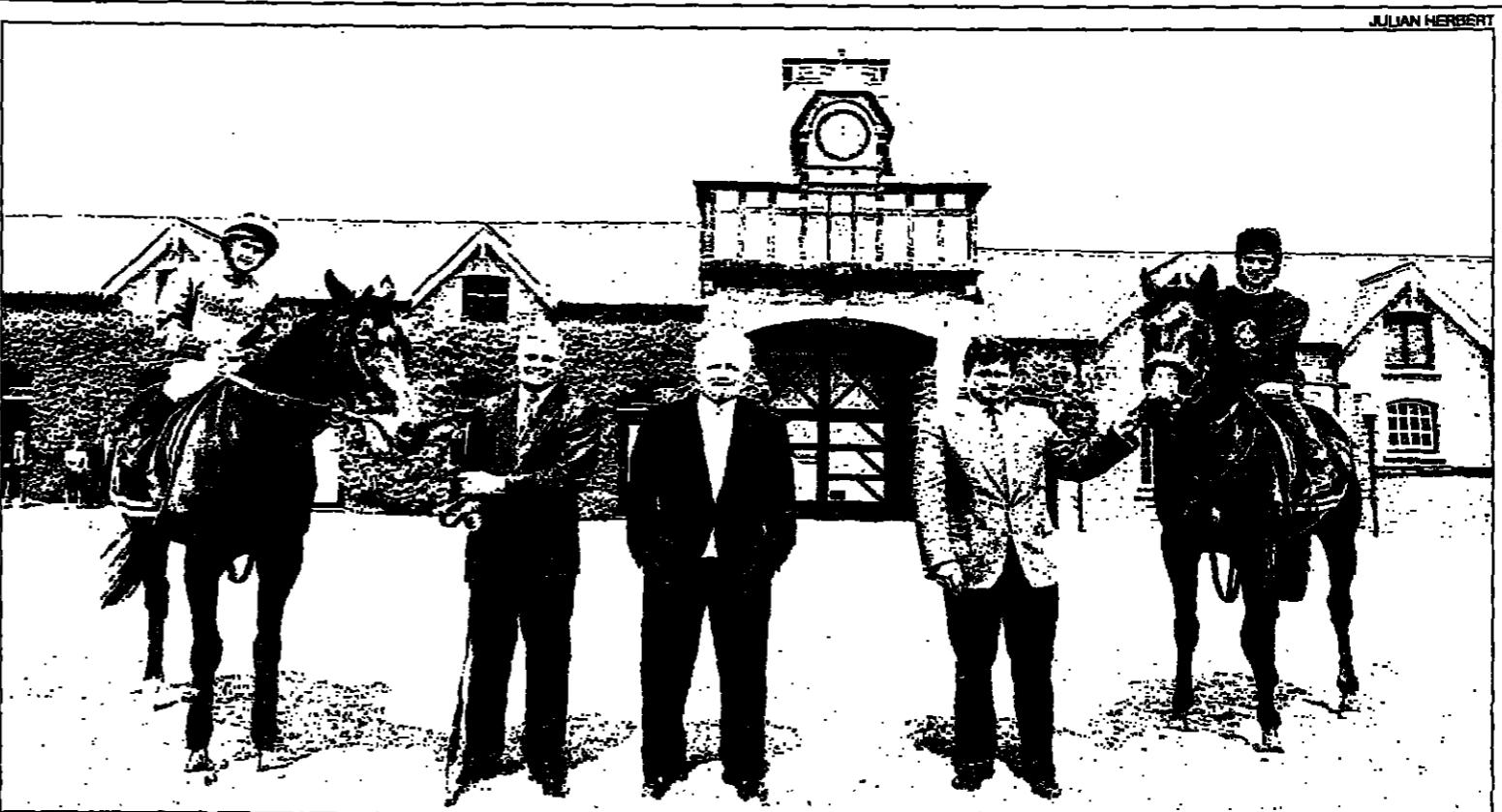
After a quiet spell, the Manton horses are now back in full health and Spectrum, arguably the stable-star, is on target for the Eclipse Stakes subject to working well this morning.

The Melbourne Cup may be five months away but Chapple-Hyam has already pencilled in Court of Honour as a possible runner. Third behind Classic Cliche in the Yorkshire Cup, he filled a similar spot before Double Trigger in the Henry II Stakes at Sandown before knocking a tendon, which forced him to miss Royal Ascot. Instead of being rerouted to the Curragh Cup, he may go straight for the Irish St Leger, won by Vintage Crop in 1994, the same year he won the Melbourne Cup.

Nash House, one-time favourite for the Derby before disappointing in the Dante Stakes, is now 100 per cent having been a very sick horse. "We will ride our time with him. The Irish Derby has come too quickly and we might wait for the Great Voltigeur. I still believe he could be a very good horse."



Haggas: alternative steps



Sangster at the centre of a three-year sponsorship deal with Grosvenor Casinos, which was announced at Manton yesterday

## Sangster chips in with casino sponsor

By RICHARD EVANS

**T**HIS biggest, and potentially the best, owner sponsorship deal was signed yesterday between Robert Sangster and Grosvenor Casinos.

Apart from the £500,000 which will be paid to Sangster's Swettenham Stud operation over the next three years, the casino group is also planning a second phase to its sponsorship by providing financial backing for various race meetings.

Sangster is Britain's most successful owner-breeder, having had 97 individual horses that have won group one races internationally, while Grosvenor Casinos, which has 32 sites in Britain including the Clermont Club and the Grosvenor

Victoria Casino in London, is the nation's largest casino operator.

"There is an obvious synergy between our businesses and I feel sure that this sponsorship will develop into a very successful partnership," Sangster said.

The deal is particularly beneficial for Grosvenor Casinos part of the Rank organisation, as sponsorship enables them to promote and raise the profile of their business in a way which is not open to them through advertising, because of tight regulations by the Home Office.

Until this year the company's casinos operated under more than a dozen brand names, but from January all bar one have traded under the single name of Grosvenor Casinos.

The search then began for a suitable sponsorship target and Sangster was chosen ahead of Newcastle United.

With around one million registered members, including a number of Middle Eastern high rollers, there is, not surprisingly, a large percentage interested in horse racing — hence the link-up.

A regular newsletter will be sent from Manton, where the majority of Sangster's 65 horses are trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam, while ten two-year-olds next season will be named after the sponsor's product — with casino members being asked to suggest suitable names.

David Boden, managing director of Grosvenor Casinos, said: "Historically, our profile has been low,

Casinos are tightly regulated and, among other things, we are prohibited from advertising. But times are changing and we are increasingly competing for the available 'leisure pound'. We are not only competing with our rival casino operators but also with the Lottery, other forms of gaming, leisure and entertainment. So that's why we are now taking a much more determined approach to promoting ourselves."

The link-up between Sangster and Grosvenor Casinos means owner sponsorship deals worth more than £5 million have now been signed since the Sponsorship Framework for Racecourse Owners was launched by the British Horseracing Board two years ago.

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The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 AETHRA. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 Alwarqa.

## GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (2) 0-0400 GOOD TIMES 74 (GDF,F,6.5) (Mr D. Robinson) & Hall 8-10-0 B Wed (4) BB  
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(3-Y-O: 3.179-1m 6f 17yd) (6 runners)  
107 (4) 0-0251 ALWADHA 15 (GDF,F,6.5) (Mr J. Mardon) R Armstrong 9-7  
108 (5) 0-0252 SOLDIER MAN 10 (6m) A Head 8-5  
109 (6) 0-0253 SHIPS DANCER 13 (G) (Mr H. De Chaz) J Dunlop 8-10  
110 (7) 0-0254 INFLUENCE PEDLER 26 (D,F) (C. Britton) C Bettin 8-9  
111 (8) 0-0255 POLAR ANNIVERSARY 17 (G) (A. Mardon) M Johnson 8-8  
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101 (2) 0-0254 ANCHOR VENTURE 10 (GDF,F,6.5) (Mr C. Wood) 8-0  
102 (3) 0-0255 GOLD CLASSIC 14 (GDF,F,6.5) (Mr H. Focet) J Devine 9-0  
103 (4) 0-0256 HAL HOOD YARDIN 0R (A. Mardon) W. Head 9-0  
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## FOOTBALL

# Lofty ideal tainted by colour concerns

**WHAT** do the lords of Euro 96 do when the ball stops rolling for a couple of days between the high intensity of the quarter-finals and the semi-finals?

One pictures them, perhaps, counting their money and their blessings after more than a million people have passed, peacefully so far, through the eight stadiums. Then, possibly, Uefa (the European governing body) was tackling serious issues: the hyper-ventilating media on questions of race and colour, the schism between referees and players that will reduce tomorrow's semi-final squads by six players suspended (more than the injured), and reduce the prospect of cavalier play because no fewer than 20 others are on one yellow card and will play in fear of getting another which would rule them out of the final.

No and no again. Yesterday evening in central London, the English and German football hierarchies, together with Uefa's leading officials, made their priority the draw to decide which of the two nations would wear their white shirts when they meet at Wembley Stadium tomorrow.

Germany drew the right ball from the sack, just as they did in 1966. But England surrendered to commercialism their right to play in a similar red shirt to the trium-



ROB HUGHES  
Football Correspondent

Christian Karembeu, from New Caledonia. What marvellous athletes they are, and where would the France team that could yet win this tournament, this glory for Le Pen's country, be without them?

Karembeu, never one to lack a riposte, countered: "I will do my talking on the field."

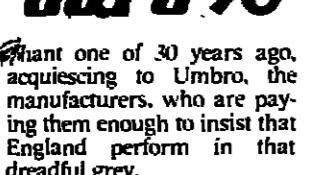
Not tomorrow against the Czech Republic; for Karembeu is one of those six suspended individuals; in his case, for lacking the ability to count to ten, or at least to retreat that many yards back from free kicks. Both his yellow cards came in that fashion, but the really worrying aspect is that only some of the referees are hot on that particular misdemeanour. Meanwhile, Leif Sundell, from Sweden, appeared to stand by and do nothing when Croatia brawled with Germany on Sunday, indeed when Slaven Bilic actually kicked Christian Ziege while the German was on the floor.

Uefa should not be allowed to turn a blind eye to the thuggery involved, nor to its own culpability in choosing referees inadequate for the job.

Quite what came into Bilic's head, not even he would attempt to explain. Yet he is braver than average, he spends his time in London, after training with West Ham United, studying for a law degree. As a future man of letters, I doubt Bilic expects to have heard the last of this, and with rabid tabloid journalism on the loose, plus unwanted extremists like Le Pen, football must guard its reputation. Bilic and Stoichkov ought to be disciplined by Uefa.

And then, can we get back to the playing field? Some countries can. There are four left in the competition, but the poor Czech Republic, with four players suspended, hardly stand an even chance against France. When England meet Germany, apart from the injuries that cost Klemann, Bobic, Kohler and Basler out of the German side, no less than eight of those fit to play do so with half a mind on their yellow-card situation. This, one strongly suspects, is a reason, not an excuse, why the quarter-finals were so dire.

The tournament is being brought to its knees by the gulf imposed between those who play and those who referee. The lack of thought or prior consultation seems to have brought about the very opposite of Uefa's espoused commitment to fair play.



What one of 30 years ago, acquiescing to Umbro, the manufacturers, who are paying them enough to insist that England perform in that dreadful grey.

It is either colour blindness or money that rules football these days. But, more seriously, since we trust that it is the men inside the shirts rather than any magical quality of the cloth that counts, colour was raised in a most unfortunate fashion yesterday.

A week ago, Hristo Stoichkov, the Bulgarian with the marvellous touch and vision, should have been called to account by Uefa after admitting that he had racially taunted the France defender, Marcel Desailly. Everybody does it, the foul-mouthed Bulgarian claimed. He was by then out of the tournament, but the officials still had a duty to deal with his racism retrospectively.

Now they have another problem, the intrusion of Jean-Marie Le Pen, who has chosen this moment to accuse the football establishment of choosing a team that was "artificial, to bring in players from abroad and then baptise them in the French team". The right-wing politician added that "the majority do not sing the Marseillaise or appear to know it".

Desailly is of Ghanaian descent, the goalkeeper, Bernard Lama, comes from Guyana, and the midfield player,

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Darlington: Durham v Essex, Tuffley Park, Gloucester; Gloucester v Hereford; Canterbury: Kent v Hampshire; Hinckley: Leicestershire v Middlesex; Shrewsbury: Shropshire v Warwickshire; Shrewsbury v Nottinghamshire; Abbeyleix Park, Shetland: Yorkshire v Lancashire; THE OVAL: Surrey v Holland; DEDDINGTON: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire.

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## OTHER SPORT

TENNIS: All England championships (1st Wimbledon)



Sammer celebrates after his foray forward produces another important goal for Germany in their progress to the semi-finals

## Sammer leading the battle on two fronts

Peter Ball has a warning for England as they prepare for Germany and the new Beckenbauer

GERMANY have lost their captain and talisman, but England should beware. In Matthias Sammer, the sweeper, Germany have someone who will pick up the baton with relish — indeed, if Jürgen Klinsmann was the ideal spokesman, on the field Sammer is possibly even more important, not just as the orchestrator, but as a scorer of vital goals, too.

On Sunday in that sour quarter-final, when Klinsmann limped away and Croatia came more and more into the game, Sammer took control. Always looking to go forward, this time he moved into midfield to stifle their onslaughts at birth as well as proving once again, the key attacking force. "We wanted to apply more pressure on the early stages of their attacks," he explained, "and as the libero, the spare man, I didn't have a direct opponent, so I thought I could go forward to do that and do something for our attacking game, too. So sporadically, I tried to go forward and push the action back into our opponents' half."

He did so to some effect. He not only scored the winning goal, but was instrumental in the penalty which brought Germany's first goal, earning a deserved accolade from his coach. "It was only thanks to Matthias Sammer and his thrustfulness that we scored," Bertie Vogts said. "He has

the personality and character to play in midfield. I never thought we would cope with the loss of Klinsmann and Bobic, and the mistakes we were making, but Sammer was the decisive man."

Not for the first time. It is no coincidence that in his one poor match, against Italy, the whole team struggled as a result, and afterwards, Sammer's performance was put under the microscope by the critical German press.

"Sammer made mistakes, but he's human — isn't he allowed the occasional mistake?" Vogts demanded. "Even Beckenbauer made mistakes."

The comparison was intended. Sammer has been described as the best German sweeper since Beckenbauer — and better defensively. Like Beckenbauer, he began as a midfield player, and although in this tournament he has been an important figure for Germany defensively, he

was loyalty to admit that, initially, he found some difficulty with the man of the new Germany.

Those problems, and the difficulty of integrating into a team almost

entirely composed of westerners, are behind him, but the strength of character is still visible, and so is his belief, matching Klinsmann's, in the team ethic. "It is flattering to be man of the match," he said, "but what matters is the team progress. If you make a contribution to the higher objective, it is nice to be recognised — but what irony if you got man of the match and the team lost."

You cannot ignore his determination. There were two classic examples against Russia. During Russia's impressive first half, the supremely gifted Mostovoi threw one dummy which left Sammer on his back and created the opening for a shot. In the second it took Mostovoi to take aim and draw back his foot, however, a white shirt threw himself into its path to block the shot. It was Sammer.

Such determination was also seen when he scored the goal which set Germany on their way to victory. Kharine, the Russian goalkeeper, should have saved his first shot; instead he fumbled it. Kovtun and Kharine should have got the rebound; instead Sammer got there first, in spite of having much further to travel.

Adams and Pearce will not have the monopoly on the will to win while Sammer is on the field — but Sammer has the class that no England defender can match.

'He has class no England man can match'

frequency, and more purpose, than any German sweeper since *Der Kaiser*. His goal on Sunday was not his first crucial intervention in the opposing penalty area in this competition. If Klinsmann celebrated his return to the side after missing the first group match with two goals, the first and key goal in ending Russia's limited resistance came from Sammer.

It was a goal which spoke volumes for his sheer determination, which has been as apparent as his talent. The first East German to play for the united German side, he has needed a strong character to make the transition. The son of an international midfield player, he began with his home-town team, Dynamo Dresden, and although not a communist, he owed enough loyalty to admit that, initially, he found some difficulty with the man of the new Germany.

Those problems, and the difficulty of integrating into a team almost

## Soaring Czechs enjoy tale of the unexpected

BY ALYSON RUDD

THE Czech Republic are, to the surprise of all, one game away from the European championship final. During the euphoria after their defeat of Portugal on Sunday, Karel Poborski, scorer of the stunning winning goal, was asked whom he would like to face at Wembley. He was polite enough to plump for England, but it was clear from his expression that the very idea that the Czechs could make it that far was almost overwhelming.

Dusan Uhrin, the coach, insists that he fulfilled his ambitions by qualifying for the tournament in the first place. However, he did add: "I believed, if my team played as I believed, that our qualifying matches, we could proceed."

One reason for general amazement that the Czechs have reached the semi-final

stage was their disappointing performance in their opening Group C match against Germany. Jan Schoperek, the central defender who will miss the game against France through suspension, said of the 2-0 defeat by Germany: "It was a tactical trick to confuse our enemies." He had a twinkle in his eye, but, so unfamiliar are the Czechs, that no one was quite sure he was joking.

Not taking the competition too seriously appears to have been the making of this team. After their victory over Italy, they stayed up all night. After their quarter-final success, however, they partied only until 2am. It appears the enormity of the achievement is beginning to hit home.

The Czechs also have to cope with the fact that four of their first-choice players are suspended for the semi-final tomorrow. Uhrin refused to condemn the referee's perfor-

mance at Villa Park but conceded that the enforced changes will have an impact.

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Alley wins converts.

Czech progress has not been what

Uefa wanted. At least, that is

the opinion of Frantisek Chvalovsky, president of the Czech Republic Football Association.

"We think the organiser

s are not happy with the advance of the Czechs as the Czechs are a negative attraction," he said.

Chvalovsky has a rather

cynical view of Uefa politics,

but he knows the Czechs do

not guarantee a sell-out. A

further 2,000 supporters are expected to attend the semi-final. The numbers are modest due to high ticket prices. There is anger among supporters that they are being charged about £75 per seat by the agency in Prague.

The last time the Czechs played France was in Bordeaux two years ago. The Republic took a two-goal lead and then conceded two goals in the dying minutes of the match. "We were the better team," Uhrin said, adding that he thinks France have improved enormously.

He refused, as he always does, to highlight any individual player from the France side or discuss their tactics. So far, by keeping his own counsel, Uhrin has outwitted some of the best sides Europe apparently had to offer. There was no chance he was about to change — even if the media interest had trebled overnight.

Croatia, though still a

fledgling nation in many aspects, can now claim the

right to pronounce on their

European rivals, if not so

scurriously. They arrived in

England an already respected

yet relatively unproven force

and have left, temporarily

excusing their antics at Old Trafford, with many admirers.

Davor Suker's chip over

Peter Schmeichel in the 3-0

won against Denmark will long be cherished.

Many of the players have

sad tales to tell from when the former Yugoslav tore itself apart.

Suker's parents had to

spend a year underground to

escape the bombing. Mario Stanic was held a prisoner of war for ten days. Goran Vlaovic lost his grandfather, four other relatives and several friends in the carnage. Yet their memories from Euro 96, mostly, are good ones.

Poborski: stunning goal

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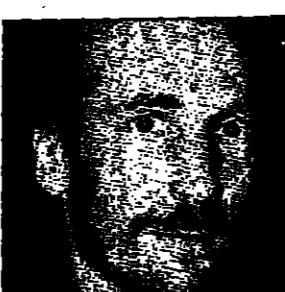
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# Pierce puts French dressing to one side

SIMON BARNES



At Wimbledon

SO I will bring the important part of the story into the first paragraph and tell you straightaway what sort of dress Mary Pierce wore. It was not one of the little sexy dresses she has been affecting — observe the *mot juste* — in recent weeks.

At Paris she wore *That Dress*, a black sort of cocktail dress. Every time she leant forward to receive serve, revealing a few more square inches of absolutely genuine Pierce bosom, a thousand shutters opened and closed in admiration.

But she chose to make her entrance to Wimbledon in a far more demure fashion. The dress was certainly a dress, no functional sporty skirt-and-top for Mary, and it was (obviously) white. It had been fairly violently tailored to her shape, and left no one in any doubt whatsoever that she possesses such things as bust, waist and hips, all of acceptable shape and proportion.



The collar was blue. In fact, she looked not so much like a glamour queen as a rather strict staff nurse. "Nurse, nurse, I'm feeling worse," said one of her entourages rather lubriciously, I thought. I found myself sitting among the Pierce camp, you see.

In fact, she looked as if she had been chosen as a poster girl to advertise the delights of Bupa; pay enough money and you, too, can be looked after by a prim-uniformed dominatrix. But it was not a dress designed to steal scenes, so for a while it looked depressingly likely that we would have to concentrate on her tennis.

Pierce was drawn against a 17-year-old Swiss with a chubby face and an eager expression, a player palpably out of her depth and with no great expectations of advancing beyond this match. This was Patty Schnyder, in only her second grand-slam event, and she did not win a match in the

championship this year for assuming the double-teapot position: both hands on hips in frank disbelief that any line judge, any umpire could so such thing, to such a person as she, at such a time as this. Her every gesture is so intensely feminine it seems to be borrowed from the reper-

toire of a female impersonator. Affected? Moi? But then, as the match progresses, you begin to realise that none of these tricks are affectations at all. They are all essential. Look at a Gothic cathedral: are all those fancy flying buttresses architectural affec-

tions? No, they are holding up the building. And in the same way, it is clear that Pierce's affectations are designed to hold up the cathedral of her personality, a cathedral that is over-ornate and in perpetual danger of collapse.

More important news: there is no sexy dress lined up for later in the tournament. The nurse dress is what she will wear for all her tennis until the US Open in the autumn. "It's very appropriate for this tournament," she said. "Classical. Very simple."

The thing about Pierce is that she is a baroness who thinks she is a queen. Here's a little tip, Mary: if you want to look like a queen, don't chew gum. And if you must chew gum, don't stick out your tongue. Real queens don't have purple tongues.

In those heady days his top was designed to show off his

## Lobster eaten, net-cord judges beaten

When people asked me what I would do — you know, when you pack it in — I used to tell them that I fancied becoming a tennis net-cord judge. For this high office you require neither sight nor hearing: just sufficient feeling in one digit to notice a tremor. Then do you shout "let". It is all an elderly chap wants, a central position and the opportunity to be heard now and again.

What was a serious blow, this Wimbledon, is that my chosen calling is no more. Like the dodo, net-cord judges are extinct. High tech has taken over. A magic eye, laser beam, aluminium chip — I know not what, but, in some dark basement where no mention of the men shall be heard, they sit considering a Luddite rising. It will not come.

The sun shone on the open-

ing day of Wimbledon 1996 yesterday, as neatly organised a military operation as one could encounter. Queue here for strawberries, there for Finns; the new No 1 Court which looks like a Roman arena will, in God's good time — probably next year — seat 11,000 people; *son et lumière* tells how it will be and there are architects' plans and a full complement of television screens showing graphs and statistics.

Sampars is on Centre Court; Becker on No 1. A queue of groupies sit outside a door from which, rumour has it, Agassi will appear when the match on No 3 Court ends.

I lunch in the Wingfield restaurant: lobster, almost certainly killed in accordance with RSPCA recommendations. Then black and white chocolate mousse, which I eat

looking at the purple and green theme of the All England Club, compared to which the MCC is dangerously liberal.

Look where you will at Wimbledon and something is going on. The smell of hotdogs, which are called Dutchees, permeates the air: there is the opportunity to buy sweets, described as bonbons. An announcement asking people interested in questioning Mr Radulescu to go to the interview suite comes over the public address system. I buy an ice cream. Three naval cadets wearing hats respectively inscribed HMS this, that and the other go briskly about their business.

On No 4 Court, they are cheering Jeremy Bates. I ask a girl to tell me why.

Well, she says, he has lost 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, so he was getting better all the time and "he gave us a lovely wave as he left the court". Five girls each carrying a card bearing a letter to complete the word "Bates" trail off, their duty done.

On the adjacent court, two Amazons are playing long rallies. The marker board identifies them as Miss Makarova and Miss Studenikova: I ask a security man which is which. He asks me whether it matters.

He says: "Have you seen Sampars?"

I tell him that I saw him last year, and that Becker is going to win Wimbledon: the man who works for Radio Ward, a hospitals broadcasting service, who looks as if he knows what it is about, told me.

A cushion shop sells its wares at £5; not only do you get a soft seat but a couple of inches of extra elevation. At the back of Centre Court is a notice stating "some seats are behind pillars and these are reduced in price".

In the press room, which is long and thin and has windows overlooking many



courts, an engineer is repairing the Coca-Cola dispenser. Nothing serious. At the desk in front of me, a Japanese journalist chokes on a salt and vinegar crisp; nothing serious there, either.

Chang loses. In his recorded television interview, a hack asks: "Where did it go wrong?" Chang is a deeply religious man; he tells the journalist more politely than I would have done. Time for tea.

On my way to the strawerry room, I pass a door marked International Commentary Position and assume one: bend forward, hands cupped to my mouth, left foot raised. A naval cadet wearing an HMS Nelson hat asks whether I am

feeling all right. During tea, possibly because I was wearing my MCC tie, a man comes to inquire what is happening at Lord's. I tell him that I now think we are not going to lose.

He asks: "Who is we?" Back to the action.

They do not dress very well at Wimbledon, except for those spectators in the Royal Box and the members of the All England Club. These men wear nicely-pressed trousers, handsome blazers, purple and green ties and are of age, of a size, all with heads of hair the sort of people who, when I was an MP, steadily displayed posters bearing the name of my opponent in their windows.

## RESULTS FROM THE ALL-ENGLAND

### Men's singles

Winner: £392,500  
Runner-up: 192,250  
Holder: P Sampars (US)

#### First round

P SAMPARS (US) bt R A Raneberg (US)

2-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3

C WILCHER (GB) bt A Jarryd (Sw) 6-1,

6-3, 6-7, 6-4

G NOVAK (Cz) bt D Nanthin (SA) 6-

2, 6-7, 6-2

M TIKSTROM (Swe) bt M Göthner (Ger) 7-6,

3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 12-10

J Novak (Cz) bt J Perzenberg (Ger) 7-6,

6-2, 6-3

M Navana (It) bt D RAI (Cz) 4-6, 6-2, 6-2

A COHEN (Isr) bt M CHANG (US) 6-3, 7-6,

7-6, 6-2

T A Woodbridge (Aus) bt S Huet (Fr) 6-4,

6-2, 6-3, 6-0

M Gustafsson (Swe) bt A Ilie (Aus) 7-6,

6-3, 6-2

A Gaudenzi (It) bt M Joyce (US) 1-6, 6-2,

6-3, 6-2

W FERRERA (SA) bt D Prontos (Ger) 7-

6, 6-3, 6-3

R Furkan (It) bt A Medvedev (Ukr) 6-4, 3-

6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2

C Beecher (GB) bt N Gould (GB) 6-4, 6-

7, 6-3

T Jones (Eng) bt J Elling (Nor) 4-

6, 7-6, 6-3, 6-1

J Palmer (GB) bt T Champion (Fr) 6-3, 6-

4, 6-7, 6-3

D Flach (It) bt A AGASSI (US) 2-6, 7-5,

6-4, 7-6

C MARTINEZ (Sp) bt S Farina (It) 6-0, 6-

0

### Women's singles

Winner: £353,000  
Runner-up: 176,500  
Holder: S Graf (Ger)

#### First round

P SAMPARIS (US) bt R A Raneberg (US)

6-3, 6-2, 6-2

M Klemmer (Ger) bt J Golmard (Fr) 6-3,

6-2, 6-2, 6-2

K Po (Us) bt A Cochetoux (Fr) 6-4, 6-

3, 6-4

F Dewulf (Bel) bt V Spaedes (Us) 3-6, 6-

3, 6-7, 6-7, 7-5

M Wozniacki (Us) bt R Fromberg (Aus)

6-3, 7-6, 6-7, 7-5

A Radulescu (Rom) bt A BOETSCH (Fr) 6-

3, 6-4, 6-7, 5-7, 9-7

S Pepequino (It) bt C Woodruff (Us) 6-

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M Tilliskos (Cz) bt M Göthner (Ger) 7-6,

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6-4, 7-6

C MARTINEZ (Sp) bt S Farina (It) 6-0, 6-

0

## TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY

L M Raymond (US) bt A Montolla (Sp) 6-2, 6-3, 6-6, 6-2  
L M McNall (US) bt L Gómez (C) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4  
K Po (Us) bt A Cochetoux (Fr) 6-4, 6-3  
A-G Slob (Fr) bt C Christie (Fra) 6-4, 6-1  
F Dewulf (Bel) bt V Spaedes (Us) 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-7, 6-7  
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T Jones (Eng) bt J Elling (Nor) 4-6, 7-6, 6-3, 6-1  
J Palmer (GB) bt T Champion (Fr) 6-3, 6





CRICKET

## Minnows unlikely to catch a large fish

BY SIMON WILDE

THOSE seeking the romance of a giant-killing in the first round of the NatWest Trophy, which annually offers some of cricket's David's the chance to aim their slings at Goliaths, may be sadly disappointed today. With each passing year the prospect of such an outcome seems more remote, the only realistic consolation for the amateurs being the personal chance to catch the eye with runs or a few wickets.

With their sights set on the big prize on offer at Lord's on September 7, the first-class counties have been ruthless and unsentimental in their approach to these matches for several years and their insistence that the venues are not routinely those of their second-class opponents has reduced the scope for an upset.

The last first-class county to lose a minor county on the field — as opposed to in a bowl-out, which cost Derbyshire their contest with Hertfordshire in 1991 — was Northamptonshire eight years ago, when Cheshire, their conquerors, possessed local knowledge of the pitch at Chester. Northamptonshire's unfamiliarity with the conditions was illustrated by Geoff Cook banting

this morning. At Stone, many of the opposing players will be on familiar terms, as Staffordshire's opponents are neighbouring Derbyshire, who have regularly provided their talented youngsters with an entry into the first-class game. Derbyshire's staff includes four former Staffordshire players in Kim Barnett, Dominic Cork, Tim Tweats and Allan Warner, though Dean Jones intends to rest Cork after his exertions in the Lord's Test match.

Perhaps the best prospect of a scare or two will be at Chester-le-Street, where Durham, who have yet to beat first-class opposition this season, could make heavy weather of beating Scotland.

Suffolk, who play Somerset at Taunton, ought to be lifted by the presence of Derek Randall — providing he does not, of course, get stuck in the traffic and arrive too late to play, as he did for the first round last year. □ John Claughton, one of the most successful masters-in-charge of cricket in Eton's history, relinquishes the post after their annual match against Harrow today. The fixture, which is the oldest at Lord's, is the 161st between the two schools.



Randall, a key figure for Suffolk against Somerset at Taunton

## COMPANY GOLF DAYS RESULTS

The four top scorers in the individual Stableford competitions played on the company golf days listed below now comprise the company team eligible to qualify for a regional final.

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31 MAY	MEESTER UK LTD	STONE POGES	146
	D WHALEY 39 * D BURP 37 * KELWINGTON 39 * T BEECHFORD 34		
4 JUN	BARCLAYS VEHICLE MANAGEMENT SERVICES	MENTMORE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	140
	S WOOD 39 * A EDWARDS 34 * S EARLE 34 * M HARRIS 33		
4 JUN	FC FOREMAN & PARTNERS	MARINROSS HEATH	139
	J JONES 31 * J DORMAN 37 * V RADFORD 36 * J BENNETT 34		
4 JUN	ELAN COMPUTING	OLTON	137
	R MACCULL 35 * A LORID 34 * G DAVIES 34 * J BENNETT 34		
5 JUN	WOODEN SPOON SOCIETY INGLANDS	KINGS NORTON	154
	S LAMIN 38 * G MALDON 42 * R LOWE 41 * D HARRIS 36		
5 JUN	BRACHERS SOLICITORS	LITTLESTONE	142
	B DEARING 32 * D KIRK 38 * G DOWLING 37 * F WATSON 34		
5 JUN	ALVIS PLC	SOUTHFIELDS	140
	D HUNTER 38 * R TURNER 35 * G BRUCE 34 * M HIGGINS 33		
6 JUN	GLOSSON GROUP (LANCASHIRE)	LANCASTER GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	148
	D HENRY 38 * A GILLESPIE 37 * P TAYLOR 36 * R BRADLEY 36		
6 JUN	DAVID PATTON & SONS (M.I.)	ROE PARK	136
	S MCNAUL 32 * R HOBBS 33 * R PATTON 32 * G SMITH 33		
6 JUN	THREADNEEDLE ASSET MANAGEMENT	FRIxFORD HEATH	135
	J LAM 36 * M BOWLES 35 * I EKUM 32 * P HANRICK 32		
7 JUN	WEIR ENGINEERING SERVICES	ALDOR	128
	J DALACHIER 34 * D CARMAN 32 * A HENDERSON 36 * J ANDREW 32		
10 JUN	CITIBANK N.A.	WIMBLEDON PARK	159
	J HARNDEN 40 * J JARDINE 40 * A AMBERSON 40 * G DICKENS 39		
10 JUN	CALOR GAS LTD	ROCKFOUNTAIN	141
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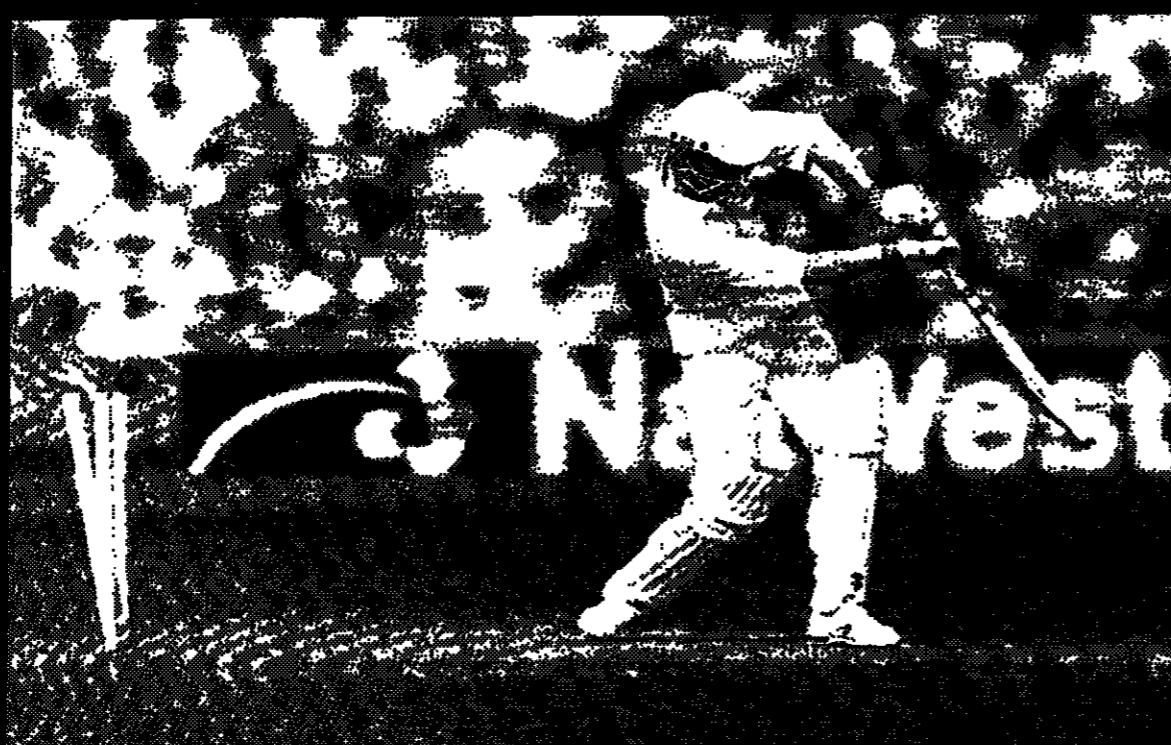
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# ATHLETICS: MENNEA'S 200 METRES TIME BETTERED BY AMERICAN WITH SIGHTS SET ON OLYMPIC DOUBLE

## Johnson improves fine track record

FROM DAVID POWELL  
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT  
IN ATLANTA

LONG AFTER Michael Johnson had broken the 200 metres world record here on Sunday, people were still queuing to have their photograph taken next to the clock showing 19.66. At the same time, Clyde Hart, Johnson's coach, was asked about physiological testing his athlete had undergone. "The only thing I know," Hart replied, eager to get away for the celebrations, "is that when they took off his shirt, there was a big S on his chest."

Superman sprinter, super-track Carl Lewis is fond of saying that there is no such thing as a fast track, only fast legs, but Johnson, like most athletes, disagrees. "The track is definitely fast," he said before bringing down the oldest world record in a championship event, Pietro Mennea's suspect 19.72sec, established in 1979. How ironic

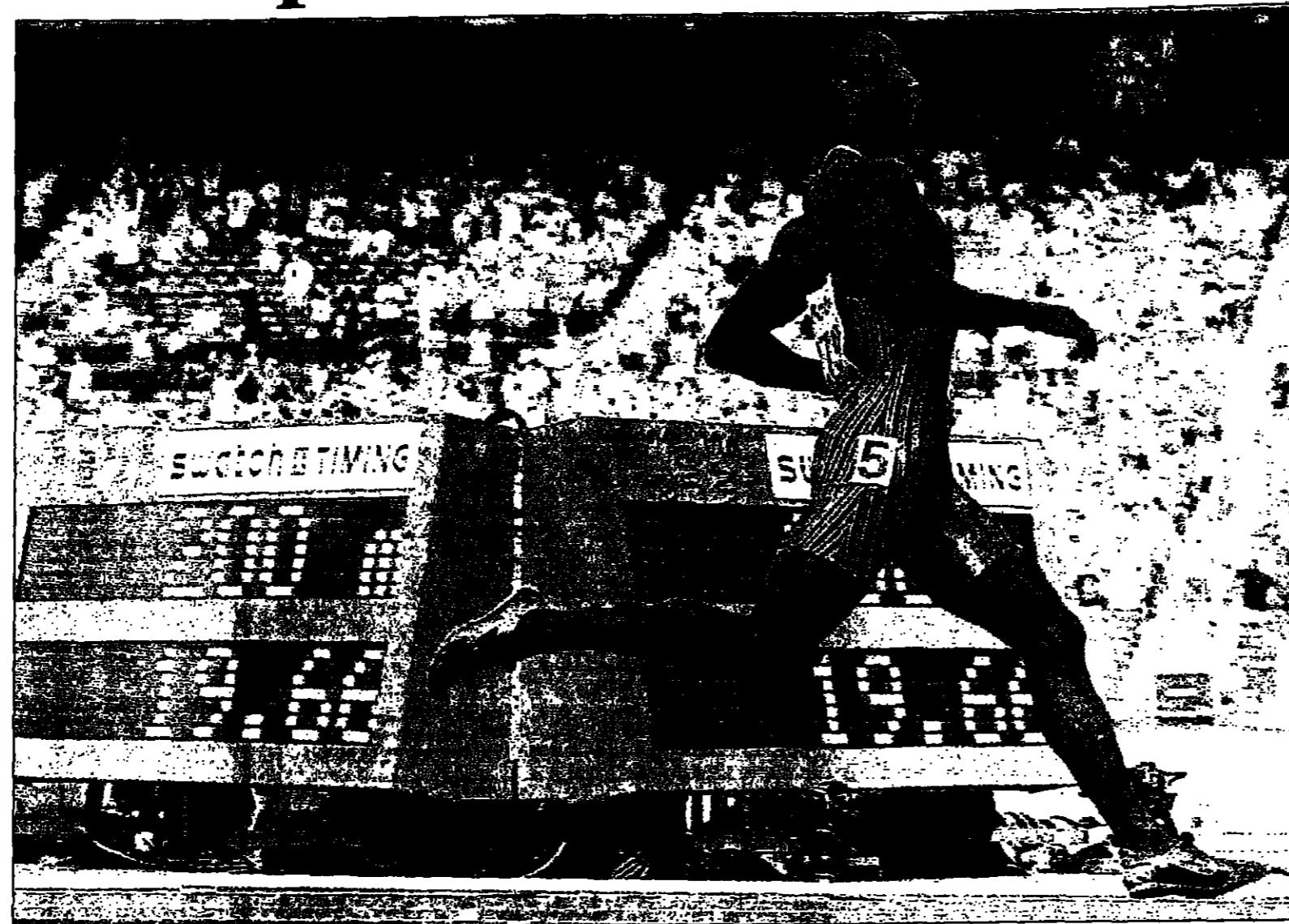
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that Italy should have had a hand in bringing down an Italian world record.

Mennea, now a university professor in Rome, lost his record to a race on a track made by Mondo, an Italian company. "There has never been a surface created like this," Michael DiNatale, the Mondo sales manager, said. "The energy return on it is unbelievable. That is what makes it fast."

The United States trials for the Olympics Games were held in the stadium where the Olympic athletics programme begins 31 days hence. The profusion of quick times will heighten anticipation for the Games. Allen Johnson, who missed Colin Jackson's 110 metres hurdles world record by only 0.01sec on Sunday, considers the Olympic stadium track "probably the fastest in the world".

It is made of 5ft 8in thick sheets of vulcanized rubber. The top half is the hardest yet made by Mondo and the underneath is a softer material for shock absorption. "The



The oldest world record in a championship event falls to Johnson as he completes the 200 metres in 19.66sec at the United States Olympic trials

vulcanized rubber gives almost immediate return, so when an athlete impacts that surface, the energy is pushed back to him immediately," DiNatale said.

Not since 1991, at the world championships in Tokyo, has a track attracted this much interest. On that occasion Lewis set a 100 metres world record but it was revealed later that the track did not conform to International Amateur Athletic Federation specifications. Mondo insists this one does, claiming a shock absorption rating of 35.6 per cent against the allowable minimum of 35 per cent.

Johnson is unbeaten in 53

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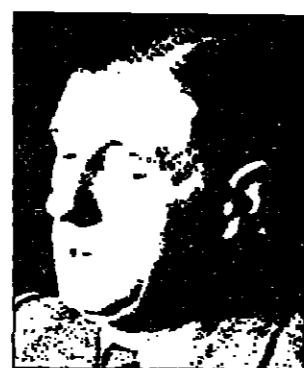
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## How West's envoys were trapped in dangerous liaisons

BY MICHAEL BINION, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR



"SLEEP Nato" used to be the injunction about sexual liaisons issued to Western embassies and security chiefs. All too often, however, the maxim was ignored — to the delight of KGB spies and the consternation of Western diplomats, politicians and soldiers who had fallen into the "honeytrap".

Soviet entrapment techniques usually involved attempts at seduction so transparent that they became standing jokes. But the techniques sometimes worked, even at the highest level. The commonest ploy was to use the Russian women locally employed in Moscow embassies to strike up relationships with their bosses.

Two ambassadors were thus entrapped. In 1968 Sir Geoffrey Harrison was recalled after his liaison with the embassy maid was discovered. The incident happened at the time of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, and it was widely assumed that Britain had withdrawn its ambassador in protest.

A French ambassador was similarly compromised, and summoned back to Paris where President de Gaulle asked to see him. He was taken to the Elysée, and after a long silence de Gaulle looked up at him. "Alors," he said icily, "on couche?"

Entrapment was usually a prelude to blackmail and an attempt to persuade a Western diplomat or military attaché to hand over secrets as the price for silence. It was most spectacularly successful with John Vassall, the junior naval attaché in Moscow in 1954-56, who was blackmailed after being photographed in a compromising situation with another man. He regularly handed over documents to the Russians after his return to Britain until his arrest in 1962.

A Conservative MP and former intelligence officer also had his career ruined by sexual scandal. Commander Anthony Courtney, sent to Moscow as the deputy head of the British Naval Mission in 1941, rose to become head of the Russian section of naval intelligence and on retirement in 1953 became an agent for firms dealing with the Soviet Union.

He was befriended by a glamorous Intourist official during his business trips, the KGB photographed their bed-

room trysts, and the subsequent row led to his divorce as well as the end of his parliamentary career.

There were several unpublicised cases of student leaders, Western military attaches and businessmen being lured into sexual encounters with women or men working for the KGB. Most were quietly withdrawn, or ordered to leave. More recently, the Russians played upon the frustrations and loneliness of the US Marine Guard at the American Embassy, where they recruited a marine to hand over documents.

Sergeant Clayton Lone tree, who was released from prison in America last week, was seduced between 1984 and 1986 by a Soviet woman working as a secretary in the American Embassy. He was persuaded to allow KGB spies to enter the building and gain access to the names of Soviet citizens on the CIA payroll.



Russian fans of Deep Purple at the Dinamo Stadium in Moscow, where the veteran British heavy rock band topped the bill at an all-day concert

## Berlin becomes new front line in anti-Nato battle

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

BERLIN, Cold War capital of espionage, has again become a hive of Russian spies who are bugging visiting businessmen, shadowing and recruiting as if Len Deighton and John le Carré were still writing the script.

Eduard Vermander, chief of Berlin's counter-espionage authority, says that Russian spying in the city is on the increase, especially for German economic and scientific information.

A report for the federal German counter-espionage agency backs up Herr Vermander and says that Russian agents are mopping up intelligence about electronics, information technology, computer developments and biotechnology. Western optical security technology — which can track signal traffic — appears to be a priority.

The overall strategic aim, apart from gleaned information useful to the modernisation of the Russian economy and armed forces, is to find ways of slowing down the absorption of Central

Europe into Nato. This was set as the top goal by Yevgeni Primakov, the former KGB chief and now President Yeltsin's Foreign Minister.

The targets may be new but the methods are all too familiar. According to Herr Vermander, businessmen in Berlin can no longer be certain that their conversations on hotel telephones are secure. Those working in sensitive industries should also beware of being dragged into "promising situations", the counter-espionage expert said.

Under diplomatic cover, members of the Russian Embassy have been wining and dining scientific experts, businessmen and political analysts. Some recruitment attempts have been spotted at industrial trade fairs. Russians were particularly thick on the ground at the recent international air show.

"For agents communication, which is usually directly with Moscow, radio signals and so-called dead letter boxes are again in use," the annual counter-espionage report says.

### ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE No. 546/96

American Embassy Moscow

To: All American Personnel Date: 26/6/96  
Subject: Revision to the Contact Reporting Policy

Reference: Stan 100  
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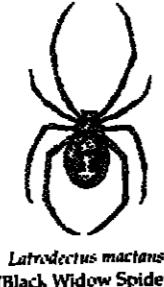
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requirements is now required to file a contact report with the regional security officer as soon as possible after initiation of such a relationship. Employees are reminded that the intelligence threat Russia poses to the US is formidable and the purpose behind such reporting is to ensure employees do not become subject to exploitation by a foreign intelligence service.



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Why Andrew Harvey has denounced his guru... society in its spiritual death-throes



Andrew Harvey has been receiving death threats from gurus since the publication of his book

PAUL KURODA

## False prophets from the East

For more than a decade, Andrew Harvey has been a bugbear of the Right. Critics in *The Spectator* and elsewhere have ridiculed his fascination with Eastern religions, his adherence for 15 years to an Indian guru and a homosexuality which resulted in "marriage" to a younger man called Eryk Hanut.

The *Spectator* crowd asked, in despair but also perhaps with a little *Schadenfreude*, how one of the youngest-ever Fellows of All Souls College, a man described by one Oxford contemporary as "seamlessly, scorchingly brilliant, the Jonathan Miller of the 1970s", had gone so far off the rails.

Now, at 44, Harvey has done an about-turn. He quit his guru, the Meera, after she demanded that he marry her and write a book about the pleasures of heterosexuality. Instead, he has written a book attacking gurus and all they stand for — everything, in effect, which he stood for until he left the Meera's compound in Germany.

Beefsteak Club Tories will still find plenty over which to burst their blood vessels, for Harvey remains an exotic individualist buoyant on 1960s-style idealism. He longs for "massive, worldwide civil disobedience" in protest against global warming and other environmental horrors. But his former critics will like *The Return of the Mother* more than his earlier books and a great deal more than did the bearded denizens of the ashram circuit.

Gurus have been so enraged by Harvey's statements that there have been death threats made against him and the police have been placed on alert. Foul letters arrived, *The Yoga Journal* (an opinion-former in California) went on a war footing, and threatening telephone calls were made to the house in a quiet San Francisco street where he and Mr Hanut live.

Things became so bad that Harvey took the precaution of placing affidavits containing information about gurus under lock and key in European bank vaults.

### REDISCOVERING CHRISTIANITY

Harvey speculates that the next five years will see a rash of scandals involving dishonest gurus. Many such masters, he says, are black-magicians, fraudsters and bullies. The payoff? "I was denounced in the most bitter terms and Eryk almost died." Amid the stress of the death threats, the 29-year-old Hanut had a cancer relapse, and when Harvey "married" him, he thought he was winding down for an early grave.

The break from Mother Meera was "devastating — my whole world fell apart". In his painful recantation, Harvey admits it made him feel "shame when I looked at what I had done for so many years". He claims that the Meera's allies have spread lies, and yet he accepts that he was not without blame. "There would be no gurus without people who are, as I was, hungry to play the disciple."

*The Return of the Mother* is a great wodge of a book, perhaps better described as a gospel to the Divine Mother, whose presence Harvey now identifies and whom he worships with Homeric sweeps of prose, littering his mantras and salaams with personal descriptions of visions. He preaches that unless mankind learns to address the Divine Mother, damnation will befall the world in 20 years. Like the best Presbyterian churchmen, he declares: "There is not a moment to lose."

The book is a tribute to Harvey's vast reading of the Eastern religions. This can overwhelm the lay reader, and he admits that his chief problem is how to communicate his ideas succinctly.

Harvey's childhood was spent in India. Father worked in tea, with Brooke Bond, and Harvey says that his parents "have been won-

derful, unshockable by my behaviour" in that English way.

They intend to move back to India shortly, to a retirement villa near a one-time Raj hill station east of Bombay, where to this day elderly Riley Brits around town, from the bandstand to the racecourse to the Young Women's Christian Association for talk and tiffin.

"Our driver, Ahmed, was Muslim — very thin and intense. The cook was Hindu and my ayah was Catholic. My first religious instructions were from the cook, who was a terrific drunk but full of wise things, who told me: 'There are many paths to one God.'

One of Harvey's chief points in *The Return of the Mother* is that the Divine Mother can be seen in all the great religions, perhaps nowhere more clearly than in Mary, Mother of Christ.

It was a childhood in which people had no qualms about discussing religion, something Englishmen — particularly the logicians of All Souls — find an embarrassment. The young Andrew started to write adoring poems to Jesus when he was six, yet his Indian reverie was interrupted when he was dispatched to prep school in England, followed by Sherborne and Oxford, the "concentration camp of reason", where he entered All Souls aged 21.

A friend from Oxford recalls that Harvey was unusual from the outset. One evening in 1971, at the tail end of a supper party, he was to be found striding up and down the room waving his arms as he discussed an arcane point of literature. So involved did he become that, talking all the time, he picked up a discarded boiled potato from someone's plate and hopped sent empty away.

In the warmth of a San Francisco morning, Oxford, Sherborne and cold Anglican cloisters seem far away, yet Harvey is hungry for gossip from London and nostalgic for his roots. After his guru years he is full of laughter. "I am turning again to Christianity, and particularly to Mary," he says.

He remains unconventional, and will probably never make the Beefsteak, but in a spiritual sense, at least, Andrew Harvey is heading home.

QUENTIN LETTS

• *The Return of the Mother* is published by Frog at £10.99.



Mother Meera

## Life is absurd sketch

### THE COSMIC JOKER

I f those men who once wandered the streets bearing sandwich boards with the slogan "The end of the world is nigh" were to reappear in numbers, I would no longer regard them as cranks, but simply think, I could have told you that.

I believe that the end of the world we know, and love in part, is in its death throes and nigh is too distant a word to describe the proximity of the end. Astronomers give the Sun a mere 150 billion years before it explodes and in their terms we have just a jiffy left.

I believe Hiroshima was probably the beginning of the last act and that the noise of our death rattle continues, meanwhile, with seemingly

trivial but also audible symptoms such as the roar of the football crowd, the thump, thump of pop music and the screams of the political mob. Thin stuff, maybe, but so is one end of every wedge.

I believe that some of us will die choking on fast food, drop dead trying to get fit, go terminally insane, and that the real softies and lame dogs will die soon of what they call stress in the arms of counsellors. For myself, I believe that stress and anxiety keep a man on his toes. As for destiny, I believe that we are cars not trains and can change our direction at almost any time.



Bernard: nigh is too distant a word

Fate is merely the food of melodrama or grand opera, while real life is an absurd sketch. I believe that we have turned our backs on the most important of all human qualities — kindness. Without it we shrivel. I would like to believe that men and women were made for each other, but then so were Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney, nitric acid and glycerine. They can survive alone but it isn't spectacular. I do not believe that money can buy happiness, but then I do not think that happiness is everybody's God-given right. I do believe, though, that thinking can cause unhappiness and I don't believe I have ever seen a miserable-looking village idiot. Which reminds me, I believe that Tony Blair smiles too much for a future prime minister. It is not a seemly demeanour for the captain of another *Titanic*.

And now I believe that the cushion of culture I was brought up to want to lean on is being pulled away. When Goering said that every time he heard the word culture it made him want to reach for

his gun, he must have had some organisation like the Arts Council in mind. And I believe it is appalling that people, however creative, should want and expect awards for doing their jobs, especially well-heeled writers and actors. And speaking of actors, when I was a child I believed in Hollywood. I believed that a lone stranger really could ride into a town and clean it up. I believed that bad men always got their just

I keep mentioning God, but I have no faith. I use the word to mean a kind of fate that is kind, cruel, pickish and a gigantic practical joker. When my life is at its worst, I imagine God to be a woman with an axe to grind. Why otherwise bother developing one single cell into the mess called man? You might as well invent the butterfly so you can pull off its wings.

JEFFREY BERNARD

TOMORROW  
What do you believe? Max Clifford, John Aspinall, Ken Livingstone and others reply

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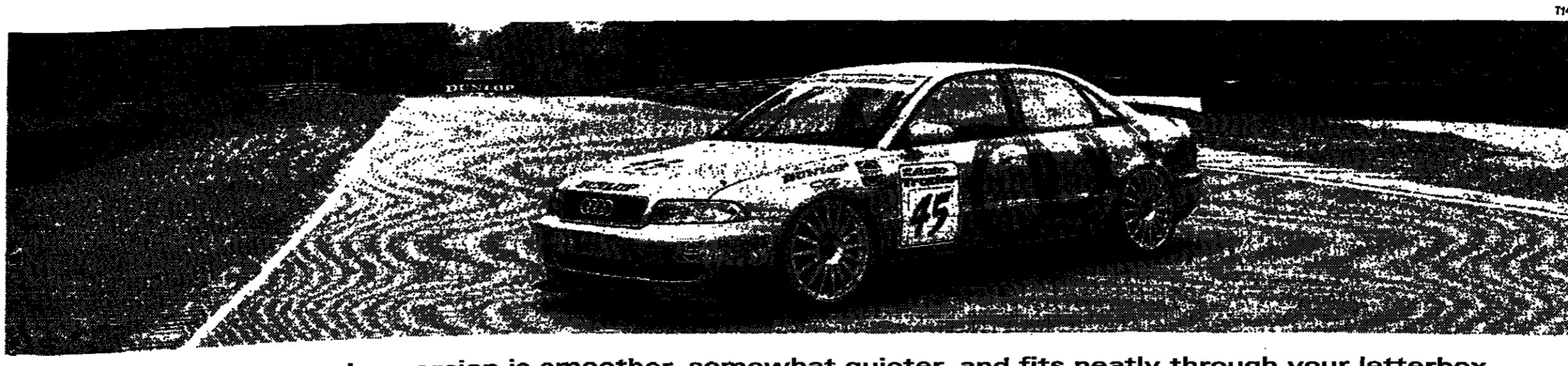
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# War crimes deserve a fair trial

Geoffrey Robertson, QC,  
criticises the Hague Tribunal

**A**ntonio Cassese hit the headlines at the recent international conference on the Dayton accords by urging postponement of the Bosnian elections until Radovan Karadzic and General Mladic have been arrested as alleged war criminals. He further demanded that Serbia be expelled from the Olympic Games in Atlanta unless it helped to arrest the two accused men. Coming from a distinguished Italian legal academic, these comments are worth pondering, but since Professor Cassese is the Chief Justice of the Court before which the Bosnian Serb leaders are to be tried, his prosecutorial zeal poses more serious questions.

The only basis upon which the world community can demand that Mladic and Karadzic be surrendered for trial is the guarantee that they will be tried fairly by impartial judges. The Hague tribunal was established by the United Nations to that end — the first international court since Nuremberg, and avowedly a model for a future world court.

This ideal offers the greatest hope for human rights in the 21st century, but it is a hope which hinges on the Hague tribunal's success. If it falters, those hostile to the supremacy of law over realpolitik (notably the diplomats of France, Britain and China, and all countries led by potential defendants) will ensure that the Nuremberg ideal is buried for another half century.

But what constitutes "success"? In the long run, only trials which conform to the most rigorous standards of fairness. Nuremberg's "success" was in large measure due to the fact that many charges were found unproven and three of the defendants were acquitted. Its presiding judge, Lord Justice Geoffrey Lawrence, remained publicly and resolutely impartial.

In many respects the tribunal in The Hague is an advance on its Nuremberg predecessor, notably by abjuring the death penalty, by making better provisions for the defence, and by providing a right of appeal. But most notably lacking among the 11 judges is relevant or recent experience in the defence of persons accused of crime.

This may partly account for the first unhappy ruling of the panel trying Dusko Tadic. It decided by a majority (the presiding American judge and her Malaysian colleague) to abandon the standards set by European Court of Human Rights and to deny the defence the right to know the names (or even the nicknames) of key witnesses.

Sir Ninian Stephen (formerly of the Australian High Court) forcefully dissented from the majority decision, which is a woeful piece of jurisprudence. It misconstrues the statute, misunderstands precedents, and constantly misdescribes the judicial function in a criminal trial as "balancing the fundamental rights of defendants against prosecution convenience. The prospect that a defendant may be imprisoned for life on the sole testimony of a witness whose identity he is not allowed to know, it justifies on

the grounds that crimes against humanity are "horrible" and in any event "the international tribunal is, in certain respects, comparable to a military tribunal, which often has limited rights of due process and more lenient rules of evidence".

These arguments are unacceptable. The more "horrible" the crime, the more due process is necessary. And the belittling comparison with military tribunals (many of which are looking to this body to improve their standards) is astonishing. How can the Hague tribunal serve as a model for a world court if it sets low standards of fairness?

The court's frustrations are understandable: it lacks funding for a proper witness protection scheme and must suffer Nato's infuriating reluctance to arrest suspects. Last year, Professor Cassese, the tribunal president, called for a "programme of indictments" to "meet the expectations of the Security Council and of the world community at large" — hardly the language of judges whose duty is not to act as avenging angels but to do justice through heavens fall.

No informed visitor to The Hague can do other than admire the work being done by the prosecutors, and Cassese's Appeal Chamber has already produced one formidable judgment which makes important contributions to international law on war crimes. But his is a court without legal critics: no complaint about its conduct may be made to the Human Rights Committee in Geneva or to the European Court, and human rights lobbies have tended to look the other way.

**N**ot so Radovan Karadzic, who has been watching the televised trial of Dusko Tadic and has been telling journalists (who find him so much more easily than I do) that he will not attend The Hague because his trial would not be fair. That is a prospect against which all precautions must be taken when the evidence for his "international arrest warrant" is publicly unveiled on Thursday. This occasion must not smack of a show trial *in absentia*, or suggest that his guilt is taken for granted by the court as it already is by the media. After all, the "command responsibility" principle upon which he is indicted was formulated in the course of convicting and executing General Yamashita for a crime history now suggests he did not commit.

There is much at stake. This tribunal is the model which either proves or disproves the case for a world criminal court — that great millennium project for the end of a century in which (so far) some 160 million human beings have died in war. It would have no shortage of defendants: whether or not Pol Pot is dead there is Idr Amin in Saudi Arabia, Colonel Mengistu in Zimbabwe and "Baby Doc" Duvalier in France, not to mention others. They will keep — so long as Professor Cassese and his fellow judges can keep an open mind about the guilt of Karadzic and Mladic.

Indeed they are. It is one of the glories of the medical profession, one of its gold standards. Long may it stand. For you go to a doctor troubled and vulnerable; even the smallest ailment can briefly bring you in touch with the terror of mortality or be a symptom of depression, loneliness or marital disaster. If you are a woman, your doctor sees your body and soul in turmoil about childbearing, infertility or the lurking physical humiliations of ageing. If you are a man, it is to the doctor that you admit the limitations of your manhood, from impotence to childish fears about ludicrous symptoms. Frankly, when anything halfway serious takes you to the surgery you do not even want any of this newfangled NHS "client" nonsense or waffle about "partnership". You want to be that old-fashioned thing, a patient: one who suffers, who admits suffering and

asks for healing. You are a mass of contradictions: you want the healer to be wise and powerful but also human, because if the medical process becomes cold and mechanistic we feel doubly lonely. It is not an easy balance to keep.

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That dependency is the problem. Listen to Dr Crowe's description of how a mutual attraction grows up. "Very personal and confidential matters are discussed in the consulting room," he says, "and intimate examinations take place. Bonds of trust are built and developed and these can prepare the ground for a relationship."

The ictics are mine, and denote short-sightedness. A husband can treat his wife, as their love prelates the professional relationship; but the idea of an affair "prepared" by surgery confidences and rubber-gloved gropings is so repulsive and contrary to the spirit of medicine that any normal doctor or patient must recoil. Indeed, when a relationship does develop out of such a professional meeting, those involved usually tell

about healing fantasy comes from a study published in 1990 by Dr Peter Rutter entitled *Sex in the Forbidden Zone*, which brought together his experience and some hair-raising statistics. The "forbidden zone" is the professional trust enjoyed by doctors, clergy, and — in America, anyway — divorce lawyers, who apparently are forever getting entangled with women they are trying to unstitch from the last attachment. He followed up marriages which had grown from this forbidden zone, and they were nearly all, he said, disastrous. Sometimes, he theorises, a woman offers her sexuality in the consulting room out of a wounded, hopeless conviction that this is all she has; in that case her real need, says Rutter, is to be gently, respectfully rejected and shown that she is worth more. Thus he calls the "healing moment", and this is the moment which, in his astonishing words about treatment "preparing the ground for a relationship", Dr Crowe denies.

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The irony is that if we make this

short-sighted concession to the fact that doctors are "only human" we will, paradoxically, rob the profession of its higher humanity.

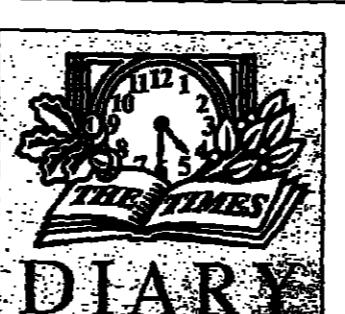
## Plane games

IN AN unprecedented salute to English football, British Airways plans to re-register its most advanced aircraft so that its "numberplate" reads GAZZA. The airline has invited Paul Gascoigne to an unveiling tomorrow of the planned registration mark on the Boeing 777, changed from the existing G-ZZZA to G-AZZA.

British Airways' chief executive Bob Ayling, a football fanatic who has instructed captains to update passengers with Euro 96 scores and served free champagne on flights to Spain after Saturday's victory, threw his weight behind the re-registration attempt after requests from his staff. "It is a gesture of solidarity for our boys," says a patriotic BA representative.

The gesture cuts little ice with the Civil Aviation Authority, however. The authority was approached informally by BA for permission to change the numberplate. Officials advised that the re-registration could go ahead only if the plane remained on the ground. British Airways' best hope of a permanent GAZZA numberplate lies in victory against the Germans. I'm sure the CAA will soon see the error of its ways.

**Well paid**  
SEASONED Wimbledon commentators were grumbling yester-



review when he worked on its literary pages.

### Top man?

IS Jeremy Hanley a man for topless swimming pools? The former Tory party chairman loves his dips, and his local pool in Richmond, struggling to stop women going without their bikini tops, is considering a semi-naked area.

Norman Lamont faces a similar battle. In Harrogate, where he is Tory candidate, naturists have taken over one pool for a once-weekly all-nude session under the watchful gaze of lifeguards (clothed) but no spectators. Hanley, a modest man, is said to be fighting the move to go topless. "I like to go swimming somewhere where nobody will see me," he once told me. "I have a marginal seat and it wouldn't be wise if people saw me with my clothes off."

### Kitty catch

KITTY KELLEY, the wicked American biographer who is scribbling at her nuclear-tipped biography of the Windsors, is planning to buy herself a British title at tomorrow's sale by Earl Spencer of family lordships. Spencer is selling because he

needs money to reclimb the family home at Althorp and Kitty wants the Lordship of Newlane Squillers, up for some £5,000. "Lady Kelley has a kind of nice ring to it," she says. "I feel obliged to help Lord Spencer with his plumbing after spending so long on this book."

### Big noises

IT AINT OVER till the fat ladies sing. The Three Tenors should be looking to their laurels after the debut performance of the latest oper-



Massive attack: the Three Divas, Rosemary, left, Della and Anne

P.H.S

The author is the Secretary of State for Education and Employment



**Two lions on a shirt, Douglas Hogg's a turkey  
Months and months of hurt, His future's looking murky...**

## Chastity in the surgery

**The doctor who yields to temptation is sure to exploit a patient's vulnerability**

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woman. "Passions both luminous and dark swirl about the room. In a mysterious way, almost like electromagnetic induction, we men cannot stop ourselves from beginning to experience some of our own long-denied fears, injuries, hopes and fantasies." The warmth of his phrasing reminds us of the important truth that some kinds of exploitation do, at the time, feel just like love. Any experience which brings two people up against eternity creates a bond: a priest, commenting on the Rutter book, said with the same startling eloquence: "When you talk about spiritual things your guards are down, you are naked before each other, touching the deepest things that human beings can fathom... the confessional box was more than just a piece of furniture, you know. A very good defense." Yet while one party has more power it is wrong to turn that bond into a human, sexual partnership. Somebody — usually the weaker one — is going to get hurt. Or at least their spouse is: how do you compete with Dr Kildare (or, indeed, Dr Baz from *Casualty*)?

Today's proposals mean that individual local authority schools would receive a larger proportion of their budgets. We also want a more clearly defined role for the local education authorities (LEAs). Their main task should be to support schools in their efforts to raise standards, including setting targets for improvement and intervening where Ofsted inspectors have found that schools are failing. But their record in this has been patchy. We have already said that Ofsted will have powers to inspect LEAs and, we intend, to monitor the LEAs even more closely.

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**Grammar schools: the logic**  
Selection is a right, Gillian Shephard says

**W**hen the Conservatives came to power in 1979 a dreary uniformity of school had been imposed on Britain by Labour. In almost all areas of the country there was only one type of secondary school — the local authority comprehensive — and children were generally forced to attend their nearest school. This monolithic system, together with trendy teaching in mixed-ability classes, had lowered standards in education alarmingly.

Since 1979 we have transformed this system. There is now a rich diversity of maintained schools: growing numbers of grant-maintained (GM) schools — indeed, around a fifth of our secondary school pupils are now educated in them; there are many excellent local-authority schools; there are a growing number of specialist schools — language colleges and ITI technology colleges, as well as 15 city technology schools, with their long-standing traditions of excellence.

We want that excellence to permeate our whole school system; we will do that by creating more grammar schools, more grammar streams and more schools which cater for varying specialisations and aptitudes.

Today's White Paper continues this process. It is designed with one aim — to raise standards by reinforcing self-government and promoting choice and diversity. It sets out a range of new measures to build on what is already in place: to give local authority schools more control of their budgets; to give GM schools more freedom to run their own affairs; to encourage all schools to develop distinctive strengths; and to encourage more choice and diversity, including greater freedom to select pupils, if that is what schools want.

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## JOIN THE WORLD

## The EU misses a golden opportunity to reform its corn laws

Agriculture ministers are in Luxembourg this week to set this year's budget for the common agricultural policy. Most of their time will be spent arguing about levels of emergency aid to the European Union's BSE-tainted beef producers. The European Commission will probably, therefore, be left in peace to continue its latest market-rigging scheme — the imposition of an export tax to deter EU farmers from exploiting a world grain market where prices now exceed the artificially fixed EU level.

The surge in prices means that for the first time in years, Europe's grain farmers can compete with ease on world markets. This ought by logic to have been seized by the Commission as the perfect opportunity to take grain farmers painlessly off the CAP's elaborate and inefficient life-support system. The current position is absurd even by CAP standards. Even before they sell the crop, British farmers are paid £106 for every acre of grain they grow — a system that encourages production. They are also paid £137 for every acre set aside under the post-1992 reforms — which were aimed at curbing production. But they are penalised if they try to take advantage of a booming free market.

The EU grain mountain no longer exists: globally there are shortages. The obvious response would be to abolish area-based and set-aside subsidies and leave it to farmers to take their own commercial decisions based on world demand. Instead, the Commission plans to leave the subsidies in place. It will keep prices up by maintaining a 5 per cent set-aside programme this year; and at the same time, artificially keep them down within the EU by keeping EU grain off world markets.

The Commission defends the export tax as a way to ensure price stability. It is unlikely to do so for an obvious reason: keeping supplies off world markets will raise the global price even more steeply. Unless the tax were increased, farmers would then have still greater incentives to export. The

Commission claims that without the export curb, EU grain would be priced out of the animal feed market — an argument that implies that EU animals take priority over non-EU human beings.

Its real concern is one of covert protectionism. If a free market operated, livestock farmers could and probably would switch to the cheaper alternative, American-produced corn gluten. Once they acquired the habit, the Commission fears that it might stick even if grain prices subsequently fell. Mathematics and the common agricultural policy have ever been strangers to each other, but this chopped logic damages both poor grain-importing countries and Europe's farmers and consumers.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of Britain's repeal of the Corn Laws in 1846. The intervening period has demonstrated time and again the political folly of attempting to manipulate the cycles of agricultural production against the direction of the markets.

The EU must one day face up to the inherent inefficiency of artificially manipulating agricultural supply and demand. With global stocks now at a 20-year low, the market has already begun to correct itself: in Central Europe and elsewhere, grain production is rising in response to high prices. Of the world's leading grain exporters, the EU is alone in persisting with curbs on production while simultaneously restraining trade.

Long-term trends point to sharply increased demand for grain, led by rising meat consumption in affluent Asian markets and by population growth. The EU could be the leading player, once Central European countries join, but only if it takes its farmers to market. The Commission should pull its head out of the grain silos and abolish this absurd tax, which Douglas Hogg has no business supporting. The best time to achieve reforms is when prices are buoyant. Politically, it will never be easier to join the world than now.

## WIZARD OF OLD

## Papandreu's death should free Greece from his spell

Andreas Papandreu was an obstinate, tenacious, prejudiced nationalist whose long tenure as Prime Minister brought Greece to the brink of economic and political ruin. He was a populist who sacrificed long-term stability to short-term popularity and who made a meal of the hands that fed his profligate Government. His hubris knew no bounds; and if his nemesis at the end of his first two terms was his scandalous love affair and tolerance of corruption, he rose again from political and physical ruin to preside over a final, anticlimactic term.

Yet to Greeks he remained, until the end, an heroic figure. Even his opponents, railing against his autocratic manner and alienation of Greece's neighbours and partners, conceded that he had some sort of vision. To villagers he was a champion, a man who broke the power of the big landowners. The Pasok party which he founded was the only alternative on the Left to communism, which had so nearly enslaved Greece in 1945. His social legislation and attempts to provide the kind of benefits found in richer countries were wildly popular, even if they would have bankrupted Greece but for EU regional funds.

As Greece mourns, few will immediately dwell on his huge political failings, his politics of personal loyalty and *idées fixes*. Yet his departure makes it very much easier for Costas Simitis, his successor as Prime Minister, to distance the Greek Government quietly from Pasok's follies. Mr Simitis was chosen from the group of Pasok politicians much influenced by Greece's membership of

the European Union and less viscerally anti-American, anti-Nato and anti-market. He does not yet have personal ascendancy over his party: he faced a tough challenge from Gerasimos Arsenis, the Defence Minister, and his victory is still resented by Papandreu loyalists, especially Akis Tsohalopoulos, the Interior Minister. He will have to claim, at the coming party congress, to be the true guardian of the Papandreu legacy.

Yet over the coming months Mr Simitis needs to continue the policies that have already made Greece a less difficult partner. Greater economic discipline and fiscal restraint have arrested the economy's free fall and the Government has faced up to the need for more privatisation, especially of the telecommunications industry. The wrong-headed quarrel with the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is subsiding, although the northern neighbour still has to be referred to by this cumbersome name.

Greece has contributed troops to the Ifor peace force in Bosnia, and has mended its fences with Albania and Bulgaria. Only with Turkey are the tensions as difficult as ever — and that is because the last Aegean island challenge to Athens came during Mr Simitis's first week in office when all around him were speaking of Greek capitulation and Western betrayal.

Mr Simitis is not yet talking of "new Pasok"; any Blairite analogy would be premature. But his task is not so different, to cast off the old slogans, accustom his people to modern politics and liberate Greeks from antique wizardry.

## A TOWER FOR TODAY

## Britain's most popular attraction needs a full moat

Ask any foreigner what images summon up Britain and the chances are that the Tower of London will vie for first place with Buckingham Palace. It is the most visited of the historic buildings that charge for admission. And it plays a powerful bit part in almost every era of this country's history, from Magna Carta to Wat Tyler, the Reformation to Rudolf Hess. Yet the first image a tourist has of the Tower is blighted by urban detritus. Five lanes of highway separate Tower Hill from the building itself, which is accessible from the Tube but only through a dark litter-strewn subway.

All this may change if English Heritage and the Tower Environ Scheme want their way. The scheme has already won £500,000 from the National Lottery to conduct a feasibility study into ways to improve the Tower's surroundings. Meanwhile, Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage, has called for £100 million to be spent on a road tunnel on the northern side of the Tower to give a glorious, uninterrupted view of the castle to the 2.5 million visitors a year that it attracts.

William Camden, in his *Britain* of 1610, described the Tower as "a most famous and goodly Citadell, encompassed round with thick and strong walles, full of lofty and stately Turrets, fensed with a broade and deepe ditch, furnished also with an armorie or magazine of warlike munition, and other buildings besides: so as it resemblmeth a big towne." By his time, the White Tower in the centre of the "towne" had already stood for more than half a millennium — and that

replaced a Roman fort that had been erected on the first patch of the northern bank of the Thames that did not flood at high tide.

William the Conqueror built the White Tower in 1076, using Normandy stone, as a stronghold "against the fickleness of the vast and fierce populace". But it was not until 1190 that a moat was dug and filled with water. The construction of the outer curtain walls and present moat was ordered by Edward I, and was finished in 1281 at a cost of more than £4,000. The water remained until 1843, when the Duke of Wellington demanded that it be emptied, deeming it a health hazard.

Now the Tower Environ Scheme wants to restore the water to the moat, as well as sweeping away the clutter of tourist kiosks and service buildings and improving the various entrances. As long as the water can be kept free of discarded crisp packets and stagnation prevented, a full moat could provide fine reflective views of the turrets and battlements.

It could also resurrect another tradition that the Tower has lost. For many centuries, the castle housed the Royal Menagerie. In 1252 the Sheriffs of London were ordered to pay 4d a day for food for a polar bear, a gift from the King of Norway, and to buy it a chain so that it could fish in the Thames. A new polar bear might be too much to ask. The animal fights that James I so enjoyed had to be stopped in 1609 when one of the bears killed a child. But the ravens could surely be joined by some swans, a stray salmon, and maybe even an otter or two.

As exemplified by the recent British Gas fiasco, the views of small shareholders count for little against the "block vote" of large institutional shareholders who (rightly or wrongly) will usually support the wishes of the board.

Yours faithfully,  
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June 24.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Benefit regulation for asylum-seekers

From the Home Secretary

Sir, You refer in your leading article of June 22 to the Court of Appeal's judgment on the benefit restrictions on asylum-seekers.

The authority of the courts on matters of law is of course unquestioned. Their views on policy, however, are subordinate to those of Parliament. Parliament approved the benefit regulations in January after full debate in both Houses.

The regulations allow all applicants to qualify for benefit while their claim is considered by the Home Office, providing they declare themselves on arrival. Those who claim after entry will have been admitted on the basis that they will not have recourse to public funds. Even they would qualify for benefit if they are trapped here because of upheaval in their country. Furthermore, last year only 5 per cent of applicants were granted asylum and only 3 per cent of appeals against refusal.

The Government is currently investing £37 million in additional caseworkers and adjudicators. The number of caseworkers has now risen eightfold since 1988 and productivity by 250 per cent since the last asylum legislation in 1993. But we will not reduce backlogs and delays to acceptable levels without robust action to deter bogus claims.

Your comparison with the Dutch system was misleading. It is true that the Dutch have speeded up their procedures and determined many bogus applications through a combination of computerisation and legislation. That is exactly what we in the UK are doing through the Asylum and Immigration Bill, and planned computerisation. We too take decisions in 24 hours or less in cases where the applicant can be returned to a safe third country.

But in The Netherlands, as elsewhere, it may take many months before an applicant becomes removable. Most rejected applicants in The Netherlands can seek both a review by the Dutch Immigration and Nationality Service and an appeal to the court. There have been significant backlogs in their appeal system.

We should not have to reward those who do not apply for asylum at the first opportunity and whose aim in applying is, typically, to obtain benefit or stave off removal. Increasing numbers of applications are now decided within four to five weeks. When the new legislation is in force, many more will be fast-tracked in the appeal system.

Latest figures show that 86 per cent of the fall in applicants comparing early 1995 with the same period of 1996, were "in-country" — those whose entitlement to benefit or stave off removal. Increasing numbers of applications are now decided within four to five weeks. When the new legislation is in force, many more will be fast-tracked in the appeal system.

It is for these reasons that we have announced our intention of tabling an amendment to the Bill to restore the benefit restrictions.

Yours faithfully,  
MICHAEL HOWARD,  
Home Office,  
50 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.  
June 24.

## Executives' pay

From Mrs Gill Nott

Sir, The details of Labour's proposal to give shareholders control over executive pay (report, June 18; see also letter, June 24) need to be thought through carefully. Giving shareholders full legal rights to vote at AGMs on executives' pay packages before they are implemented may in many cases be impractical; added to which the complexity of many packages makes them difficult to understand.

A more viable option would be for the chairman of a company's remuneration committee to report annually to shareholders on senior executives' pay, and for his appointment to be approved by shareholder vote. Both proposals were supported by over 85 per cent of informed private investors in a ProShare survey last year.

Individual shareholders want more influence over directors' remuneration but recognise that its complexity means that it is more effective for them to focus on how it is set rather than determine the details of individual packages.

Yours sincerely,  
GILL NOTT (Chief Executive),  
ProShare (UK) Ltd,  
Library Chambers,  
13-14 Basinghall Street, EC2.

June 24.

From Mrs Susan M. Barnard

Sir, Tony Blair's proposal that shareholders should be given the right to vote on pay packages for executives is indeed commendable. But will it be any more effective than the present system of shareholder voting, where a shareholder's voting power is directly proportional to the size of the shareholding?

As exemplified by the recent British Gas fiasco, the views of small shareholders count for little against the "block vote" of large institutional shareholders who (rightly or wrongly) will usually support the wishes of the board.

Yours faithfully,  
SUSAN M. BARNARD,  
4 Egerton Drive,  
Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire.  
June 24.

## Euro 96 and tabloid press jingoism

From Sir Sigmund Sternberg

Sir, National pride is a natural concomitant of international sport. A joyful display of patriotism at such times is right and proper.

But the manifestations of xenophobia, of racial hatred and the near incitement to violence which have preceded Wednesday's Euro 96 semi-final between England and Germany besmirch both the good name of football and the sense of European fellowship which, until now, has accompanied this good-natured contest.

You have, Sir, in your measured way, reported the run-up to Wednesday's match as the fascinating sporting event which it is.

However, as you also report today, and as I have seen for myself, the tabloid press has attempted to whip up anti-German fervour by resorting to warlike terminology and the unbridled use of military imagery; it has substituted a sense of brutality for one of good sportsmanship and must bear almost the whole of the responsibility for any ill-feeling which lingers once the players and the fans have returned home.

Those of us who, fifty years after the end of the Second World War, are striving earnestly for reconciliation with today's Germans and Germany, can only regret that a major sporting occasion has been manipulated by some to serve crude racial ends and pledge ourselves to increase our en-

deavours for decent relations between man and man.

Yours,  
SIGMUND STERNBERG  
(Chairman, Executive Committee,  
International Council of Christians and Jews,  
104-108 Grafton Road, NW5.  
June 24.

From the Headmaster of Giggleswick School

Sir, In Assembly this morning I told the school of my deep concern about the extreme and offensive language being used in newspapers with regard to Euro 96 and the forthcoming match between England and Germany. The warlike terminology was a travesty of sport and could damage our relations with European countries. It could also provoke the sort of violence and vulgarity which would wreck the good achieved in the tournament so far.

Since Assembly I have had the strongest response I can recall in my ten years as a headmaster. Staff and pupils alike feel similarly angered and wonder what can be done to redress the situation. A message must be sent to those areas of the press concerning their social and moral responsibility. From whom is it going to come?

Yours faithfully,  
A. P. MILLARD, Headmaster,  
Giggleswick School,  
Settle, North Yorkshire.  
June 24.

chemists and corner shops that were the backbone of village life in the 1950s — only eight now survive.

Already eroded by the folly of out-of-town supermarkets, they are declining fast in the teeth of spiralling rents and business taxes and a relentless inflow of bars, bistros, estate agents and finance houses.

Yours faithfully,  
KARIN PAPPENHEIM,  
Director,  
National Council for One Parent Families.

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June 24.

consequent lower pension, holiday and other commitments.

Yours faithfully,  
DAVID SIMPSON (Director),  
Branta Travel Ltd,  
7 Wimpole Street, SE1.  
June 24.

From Mr Clive Reynard

Sir, So far today my e-mail box is busier than ever and I've just had to put more paper in my fax machine. When I rang the Post Office postcode inquiry line this morning I was told that it is closed until 8am next Monday, June 24, due to today's "one-day" stoppage. If the Communication Workers' Union is trying to get a message across to me, it is succeeding.

Yours sincerely,  
CLIVE REYNARD,  
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Cirencester, Gloucestershire.  
June 24.

those who will not receive them from bishops who have ordained women to the priesthood, was at best an act of misguided kindness and at worst a heresy.

No one in the Church of England would tolerate, for example, the consecration of flying bishops to minister to those who would not accept the ministrations of bishops who had ordained black men.

Yours faithfully,

JEAN M. MAYLAND  
(Associate Secretary, Community of Women and Men in the Church),  
The Council for Churches for Britain and Ireland,  
Inter-Church House,  
35-38 Lower Marsh, SE1.  
June 24.

## Legal complaints

From Mr Gavin W. N. Stewart

Sir, As a solicitor I agree with Mr Tony Biles (letter, June 17, 18, 24) that has its roots named after stars of stage, screen and music. To qualify, the person named has to be dead, perhaps because Crownhill houses the crematorium. Hence Presley Way, Monroe Avenue, Chaplin Grove.

My personal favourite however commemorates a late French actor. It is Fernan Dell.

Yours faithfully,  
MICHAEL DUNTON,  
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Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.  
June 24.

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## Welfare of lone-parent children

From the Director of the National Council for One Parent Families and others

Sir, On Tuesday, June 25, regulations enabling the Social Security Secretary to eradicate the only specially designated benefits for Britain's 1.5 million one-parent families will be debated in the House of Commons.



## OBITUARIES

## LORD TWEEDSMUIR

**Lord Tweedsmuir, CBE, soldier, explorer, writer and businessman, died in North Berwick on June 20 aged 84. He was born in London on November 25, 1911.**

JOHN BUCHAN dedicated his novel *The Island of Sheep*: "To J. N. S. B. who knows the northlands and the way of the wild geese." This was his son, Johnnie, later the 2nd Lord Tweedsmuir, who appears in an early chapter of the book as a 14-year-old "who didn't care a rush for the public school spirit", who "spoke to his masters as Dr Johnson might have addressed a street arbut", but who cast a perfect dry fly, loved animals and was already an expert on birds.

To be typecast so early as a character in the Buchan mould might have defeated a less resilient youth, but Johnnie Buchan went on to fill the role in ways that even his father could never have anticipated. As a colonial administrator in Africa, an explorer in the Arctic and a naturalist in Scotland, he could have effortlessly held his own with Richard Hannay, Sandy Arbutin and the other Buchan heroes. But it was as a soldier that he outstripped even his father, who never himself saw action.

Commanding a Canadian Infantry battalion in Sicily in July 1943, he led a dramatic assault on Asoro, a village on a 1,000ft hill, held by the Hermann Goering SS Regiment, which was considered impregnable. Remembering a lesson taught him in the Scottish Borders by his Uncle Walter, who always said that you could gauge the steepness of a hill by aligning it with a walking stick, he borrowed a rifle and looked along its barrel at the slope of Asoro. It was, he judged, no more than 45 degrees. "We're on!" he announced, and prepared for a flanking movement up the hill by night to take the Germans by surprise from above. Before leaving he recited to his men as much of Henry V's Agincourt speech as he could remember. The attack was described by a fellow-officer as "so daring that failure meant not only the end of Tweedsmuir's career, but the end of the

regiment as well". By the following day, however, a great victory had been won, which General Montgomery reckoned took five days off the Sicilian campaign. Tweedsmuir was twice mentioned in despatches and appointed OBE (military), though many considered his achievement merited the DSO.

John Norman Stuart Buchan was born in London, but, like his father, always considered himself a Border Scot. He was educated at the Dragon School, Eton, and Brasenose, Oxford, where he founded the university falconry club and rowed for his college. He was, by his own admission, a poor scholar, gaining a fourth in History, a degree which, he said, was "so lowly that it was afterwards abolished".

He then went into the Colonial Administration Service, and was for two years an assistant district commissioner in Uganda. While there he contracted an almost lethal bout of dysentery, and was so ill that he lost three stone in weight. He travelled to Canada, where his father was Governor-General, in a state of near-collapse. "When I arrived on a ship at Halifax," he later recalled, "I had to introduce myself to Mummy as I was almost unrecognisable." He joined the Hudson's Bay Company with the idea of living in the Arctic, and drove a dog team over 3,000 miles across uncharted territory, an experience which, remarkably, aided his recovery. He took a small box of water-colours and taught the Eskimos to paint. He learnt their language, adding Inuit to his existing Swahili.

On returning, he learnt that war had been declared. He joined the Governor-General's Footguards, the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, and then the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, where he was second in command until the commanding officer was killed on the eve of the assault on Asoro. The following day he was wounded when a mortar shell exploded a few feet away from him. Later he served on the Army Commanders' Tactical Staff in Italy under General Sir Oliver Leese and General Sir Richard McCreery. After the war he was involved in



arresting members of the Dutch SS and, confiscated their standard, which is now in the Imperial War Museum. For this he was awarded the Order of Orange-Nassau with Swords.

He had succeeded to the title of Lord Tweedsmuir on the death of his father in 1940, and on returning to Britain he took his seat in the House of Lords, and made his maiden speech in the same year, 1945. He served for four years on the opposition front bench, then, when the Conservatives came to power he was with Anthony Eden, to the United Nations when it met in Paris. He later served on the UK team of the

Council of Europe at Strasbourg. In 1948 he married Priscilla Lady Grant, widow of Sir Arthur Grant, Br. of Cullen, and they lived for next 30 years at Balmedie in Aberdeenshire, a part of the country in which he wrote about eloquently in his memoirs, *One Man's Happiness*. His wife was MP for South Aberdeen from 1946 to 1966, a Minister of State at the Foreign Office, and was elevated to the House of Lords in 1970 as Baroness Tweedsmuir of Bellhelvie.

Much of Tweedsmuir's life during this time was spent supporting her. He was offered the Governor-Generalship of New Zealand, but felt that

he would prefer to assist his wife in her political duties. He helped to pilot the Protection of Birds Bill, which is still the model for much of today's conservation law, through both Houses, describing the experience of dealing with one particularly tricky amendment as "like sailing between Priscilla and Charybdis".

In 1948, the year of his marriage, he had been elected Rector of Aberdeen University, beating Malcolm Sargent by 14 votes. He relished the post, refounding the Aberdeen University Boat Club, and starting an Exploration Club which mounted a successful expedition to Libya, where they found a hitherto unknown tomb and four species of plant unknown to science. They also helped to uncover the fabulous St Ninian's Treasure in Shetland, now in the Royal Scottish Museum in Edinburgh. He was given an honorary LLD by the university in 1949.

Lord Tweedsmuir was also a businessman, serving on the boards of BOAC, Dalgety and Sun Alliance, and as chairman of the Advertising Standards Authority. He was appointed CBE in 1964 and CD (Canadian Forces Decoration) in the same year. Among his published works were *Always a Countryman* (1953), and *Hudson's Bay Trader* (1951) based on his Arctic diaries which John Buchan also used to give authenticity to *Sick Heart River*.

After the death, in 1978, of his first wife, he married in 1980 Jean, widow of Sir Francis Grant. They moved to Oxfordshire, where they spent 15 years together before returning to Scotland when his health began to fail. Always charming company, a fund of splendid stories about his richly varied life, Lord Tweedsmuir was a physically imposing figure who seemed at times, with his dark complexion and his beaked nose, a figure from another era. He was, however, full of warmth and was particularly popular with children, who would listen entranced to his reminiscences.

He is survived by a daughter, Susan, who is married to the Conservative minister Lord James Douglas-Hamilton.

## CECIL TURNER



**Cecil Turner, publisher, died on June 16 aged 83. He was born on October 6, 1912.**

CECIL TURNER was one of the last independent publishers who refused to succumb to the corporate commercialism which swamped the industry in the 1980s. A cultured and discerning man of letters with high standards of literary taste and integrity, he established his firm, Bachman and Turner, in 1972. This firm has continued to publish distinctive and provocative fiction and non-fiction for almost a quarter of a century.

The son of a wealthy manufacturing chemist from Leytonstone, Cecil Norman Thayer Turner was educated at Leyton Grammar School and then went into advertising. He soon became a successful executive, then owner and director of two advertising companies: Auger and Turner and Cecil Turner.

During the Second World War he was a captain in the Royal Artillery and was seriously wounded in the Burma Campaign. He had been on a convoy going to North Africa which was diverted to Burma. After being awarded two campaign medals and one personal medal, he worked as a welfare officer in India and continued this work on his return to England.

In the late 1960s he sold his advertising company and went to live for several years in

Malta. But because of his continuing interest in literature, he returned to England where he established his publishing firm in partnership with his third wife, the former Swedish diplomat and broadcaster, Marta Bachman.

Bachman and Turner soon had a distinguished list of authors including Gerald Moore, Eva Jones, Beverley Nichols, Tamara Nijinsky, Hubert Gregg, Charlie Chester and many others.

Aside from his activities as a publisher, Turner devoted many years of hard work to the English Literary Trust, a charitable organisation which he founded in the 1980s. The trust is devoted to the widening of interest in and knowledge of English literature.

In recent years he developed glaucoma and in order to help other sufferers from this affliction he founded another charitable organisation, the Ocular Research Fund.

He was an avid and discerning collector of antique furniture, rare books, china and paintings. For many years he lived in a medieval manor house in Kent where he and his wife created a magnificent garden which was open to the public. He took an active interest in historical preservation; improving old houses, gardens and parks for the benefit of the public.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter from his first marriage and a son from his second.

## MAJOR-GENERAL J. M. MCNEILL

**Major-General Jock McNeill, CBE, CBE. Principal Staff Officer to the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations 1964-69, died on May 25 aged 87. He was born at Elles, Hampshire, on February 22, 1909.**

JOCK MCNEILL could have made a successful career as either a soldier or a diplomat. He chose to follow his father, Brigadier-General Angus McNeill of the Fourth Highlanders, into the Army as a gunner rather than as an infantry officer.

He was a born leader and, as his career developed, he showed himself to be adept in

both military and political diplomacy. A quiet man, he had a clear and balanced intellect, which coupled personal charm with honesty of purpose.

Educated at the Imperial Service College and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, John Malcolm McNeill was commissioned into the Royal Regiment of Artillery in 1929, having won the Benson and Tombi memorial prizes as the top gunner graduate. Before the outbreak of war in 1939, he served seven years in India with the 47th/27th and the 34th/10th Field Brigades and G Battery Royal Horse Artillery.

On his return from India in

1936, he was placed as an instructor at the School of Signals at Caterick, a posting which was to prove decisive in his wartime career, although he may not have appreciated it at the time. He was trained for the staff at Camberley in 1940 and was appointed Box GSO1 of the No 1 Close Support Bomber Control in 1941, thus starting a long and profitable relationship with the RAF. He became one of the originators of the highly successful army/air co-operation system, bringing together his expertise in communications gained at Caterick and as a gunner skilled in target acquisition.

He held a series of Box GSO1 (air) appointments in Montgomery's Eighth Army, in Alexander's 8th and then 15th Army Group Headquarters during the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns and for the early phases of the Italian campaign, co-ordinating army/air force operations. Returning to England as part of Montgomery's "1st XI" in preparation for Normandy, he was appointed GSO1 (Air) at HQ 21st Army Group, remaining there throughout the campaign in North West Europe.

He was to see the ultimate development of Second World War army/air co-operation techniques in the final battles of the Italian campaign, co-ordinating army/air force operations. Returning to England as part of Montgomery's "1st XI" in preparation for Normandy, he was appointed GSO1 (Air) at HQ 21st Army Group, remaining there throughout the campaign in North West Europe.

After his final retirement from government service, he led an active life at home in Pilton, Somerset. He was appointed Colonel Commandant Royal Artillery in 1964, enabling him to maintain close contact with his many friends in The Royal Regiment. He supported the National Trust in the West Country and the work of the English Speaking Union. Perhaps his happiest moments were when directing operations to outwit the local wild pheasant population or teaching his grandsons the old-fashioned way of taking a boat to sea.

He married Helen Barbara Christina Marsh in November 1939. She was the daughter of Colonel T. H. Marsh of Spilsby, Lincolnshire. They had two daughters who, with his wife, survive him.

## EDWARD BERNSTEIN

**Edward Bernstein, economist, died in Washington on June 9 aged 91. He was born in Bayonne, New Jersey, on December 19, 1904.**

HAD Edward Bernstein not disagreed with his fellow American economists over the likely strength of the US economy after the Second World War—and been able to persuade John Maynard Keynes that he was right and they were wrong—the economic development of the postwar international order might well have taken a very different course.

The meeting, at which he and Keynes initially encountered each other, did not start auspiciously. They met at the 1944 United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference, better known as Bretton Woods, and at first they did not hit it off. Keynes was the leader of the British delegation and Bernstein, a Treasury Department official, was acting as technical adviser to the US delegation. Most of Bernstein's colleagues believed that, once the war was over, America was bound to slip back into the conditions of the Depression era of the 1930s.

Bernstein—who had great faith in clarity of expression—argued to the contrary, basing his belief on the fact that, since the United States had departed from the gold standard, the

level of gold reserves would no longer control the growth of the money supply.

Thanks largely to his influence in convincing the influential Keynes that the majority view was wrong (which it was), the Bretton Woods conference resulted in the foundation of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, commonly known as the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund.

Two years later Bernstein was appointed as the IMF's first director of research, holding the post until 1958 when he founded his own consultancy, specialising in economic research. Among his clients were numbered the central banks of several foreign companies and various large multinational companies.

Edward Morris Bernstein, the son of a New Jersey insurance agent, grew up in New York City, where he worked as a copy boy for the *New York World*, while studying at a public high school. He took a degree from the University of Chicago in 1927, gaining his doctorate in economics at Harvard four years later. Until he joined the Treasury Department in 1940, he taught Economics at the University of North Carolina.

Although he retired as president of his consulting firm in 1981 at the age of 77, Bernstein remained intellectually active.

He is survived by his wife Edith and their three sons.

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FRANCHISING 25

# Want to run your own business?

**E**ven the organisers have been surprised at the demand for space at the Manchester Franchise Exhibition on June 28 and 29. With 40 stands taken at last year's event, CII, which stages three franchise exhibitions in Britain each year, looked ambitious in booking an arena at the G-Mex centre to take 60 stalls. In the event, franchisers and support services have had to be turned away as all the stalls were snapped up.

CII's first show, with 80 stands at Wembley's Hall 3, London, in March, brought in 7,800 visitors and the event at Edinburgh a month later attracted 3,200. Richard Lewis, marketing manager at CII, says: "Franchising is snowballing. We will be disappointed if we get fewer than 4,000 visitors at Manchester. This is a big exhibition in a major regional city."

CII's franchise exhibitions have been growing in importance over the past three years and they now have the support of the British Franchise Association. All exhibitors are approved by the BFA, which also supports the franchise exhibition organised by Blenheim in October. Mr Lewis says the BFA backing at Manchester for the first time is one reason for the surge of interest among franchisers.

CII has attracted new exhibitors

Franchising show will offer help and advice to newcomers, says Rodney Hobson

to its events this year. These include Greenalls Inns, the Warrington-based pub chain that won the Midland Bank award for innovation in last year's British franchise awards. Greenalls already has 750 franchisees among its 1,250 tenanted pubs and would be happy to make the tenanted estate 100 per cent franchised.

Greenalls introduced the concept of the pub franchise in 1990 and says its Inn Partnership offers greater security and better support than the traditional tenancy agreement, particularly with catering, marketing, technology and accountancy. National Vocational Qualifications are a fundamental part of the package, which is available for three, ten and 14-year terms costing from £15,000. Greenalls invested more than £13 million in its franchised pub estate last year and intends to spend the same in 1996.

Others at Manchester for the

first time include MinuteMan Press, CNA Executive Search, Drinkmaster and the Mobile Phone Centre. Leading franchisers who will be exhibiting include Esso, Wimpey, Domino's Pizza, Signs Express, Snappy Snaps, 1st Call, Humans, Dyno-Rod, Molly Maid and Select Appointments. Franchises on offer cover a wide range of business sectors including fast food, courier and parcels dispatch, retailing, recruitment, estate agency, maintenance and printing.

Signs Express is based in Norwich and has a network of more than 50 outlets from Scotland to the South Coast, but it hopes to use the Manchester exhibition to fill gaps in industrial centres in the North. Franchises cost £27,500 and franchisees attend a comprehensive five-week training course.

Sophisticated equipment is used in the manufacture of computer-cut vinyl signs for all business and industrial sectors. The UK signs industry is expected to achieve £500 million annual turnover by the end of the century.

David Corbett, Signs Express managing director, says: "The signs business is enjoying renewed growth. An increasing number of companies are recognising the

value of cost-effective signage as part of their overall market strategies. There is enormous potential."

Mr Lewis says: "This year's Manchester event has far more to offer visitors than last year. It will be 50 per cent larger and there will be free financial and legal advice.

In addition, there will be a comprehensive and free seminar programme covering all the main aspects of franchising"

Key franchise lending banks including National Westminster, lead sponsor of the exhibition, and Barclays will be present. Field Fisher Waterhouse and Colemans Solicitors will add the legal back-up.

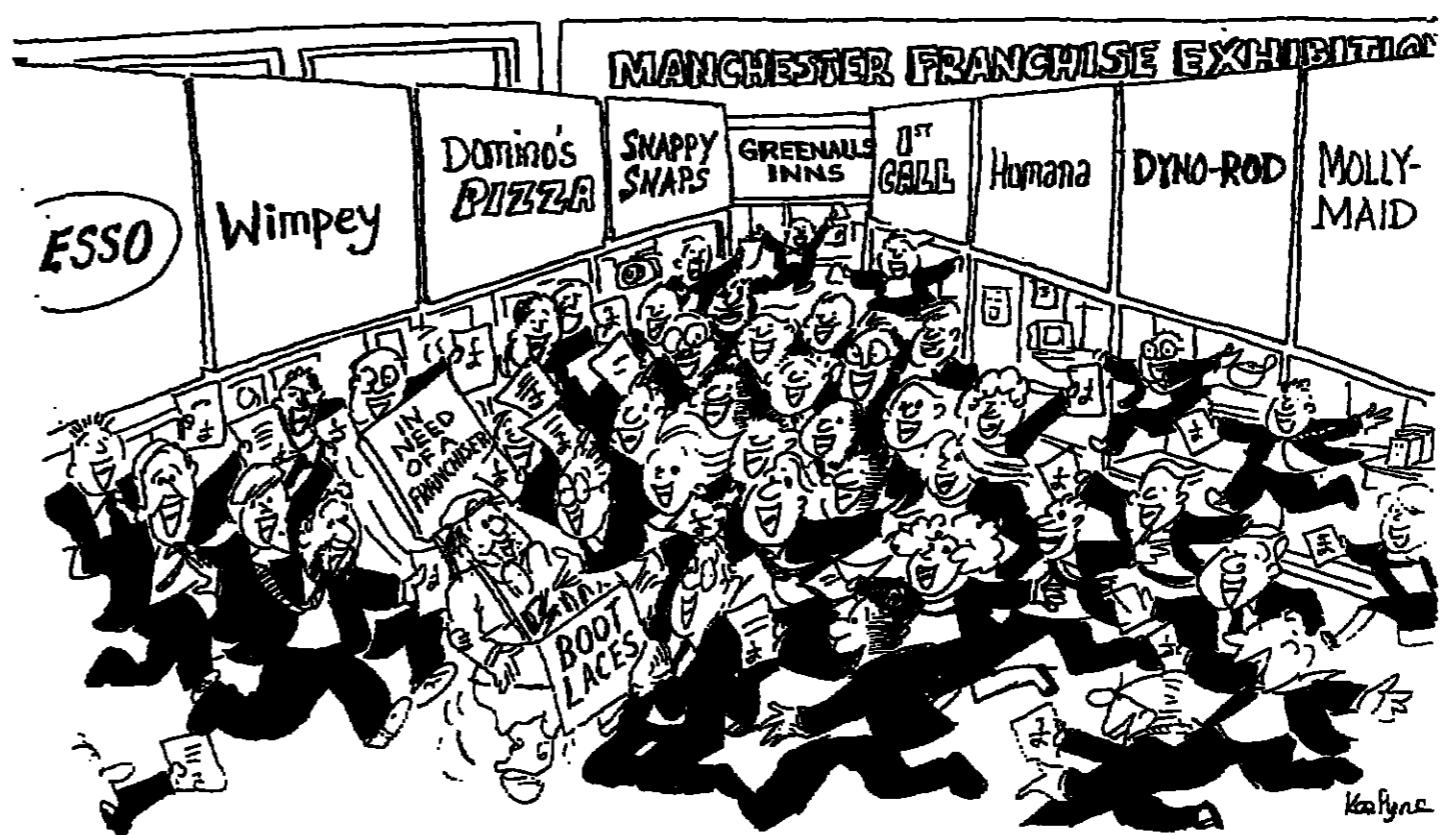
The seminars will be held on both exhibition days on a first come first served basis. Beginners can attend an introduction to franchising covering topics such as the

concept and benefits of a franchise, what a franchiser looks for in a franchisee, legal aspects and financing. For potential franchisers, there is an introduction to franchising as a business method to expand or to get a new venture started.

The annual survey by NatWest Bank indicates there is scope for more franchises to be allocated in the area from which visitors to Manchester are likely to be drawn.

Only half of all franchises operating in the UK have outlets in the Yorkshire or North and North East regions and 60 per cent in the North West. About 10 per cent of the UK's franchises are based in these areas.

Mr Lewis advises: "Always ask a lot of questions. You have got to be very careful to find out what level of support you will get and to obtain estimated cashflows"



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## Surrey selector wins £1,000 prize

# Combination of solid defenders gives real value

THE winner of section four of Euro Interactive Team Football, the penultimate stage of *The Times's* competition, is Mr I. Flockhart, of Horley, in Surrey, who scored 43 points in the section (the quarter-final stage). Mr Flockhart edges out two other rival selectors — who also scored 43 points — by virtue of the positive points rule. It is notable, though, that his nearest rivals both selected similarly similar teams, with eight players being common to all three.

The winning team, entitled Pure Fantasy, made good use of the eight quarter-final teams, with only the goalkeeper, Baia, failing to register positively. Mr Flockhart chose especially wisely as regards his defenders: the four players between them amassed 24 of his 43 points. His prize for winning section four is £1,000. Mr Flockhart's team was:

**Goalkeeper**  
Vitor Baia (Portugal)

**Full backs**  
Bixente Lizarazu (France)  
Stuart Pearce (England)

**Central defenders**  
Fernando Hierro (Spain)  
Danny Blind (Holland)

**Midfield players**  
Paul Gascoigne (England)  
Zinedine Zidane (France, RS)  
Zvonimir Boban (Croatia)  
Rui Costa (Portugal)

**Strikers**  
Jürgen Klinsmann (Germany)  
Davor Šuker (Croatia)

**Manager**  
Berti Vogts (Germany)

The race for the overall prize of £25,000 continues, however. With the European championship coming to a climax, Euro ITF selectors have a limited time left to make their final transfers before they must trust in the players they have selected.

The leading ten selectors have all broken the three-figure barrier, but all those

teams to win through to Sunday's final at Wembley.

The important issues that most Euro ITF selectors will want to bear in mind are whether Alan Shearer, the Blackburn Rovers striker, will return to scoring form after the goalless draw with Spain (but it must be borne in mind that Shearer is one of a handful of England players on one yellow card), or whether their goalkeeper should be the outstanding David Seaman or the eccentric Bernard Lama.

Disciplinary records — with 139 bookings and seven sendings-off in the championship to date — will be an influential factor in selectors' decisions (the full list of bookings and sendings-off can be found on page 48 today), as will the fact that goals in the knock-out stage have been singularly hard to come by.

Matthias Sammer, of

Germany, with 16 points to his credit, has attained the status of Euro ITF's most valuable player; his two goals from central defence have allowed him to score heavily. His team-mate and goalkeeper, Andreas Köpke, is the highest-scoring man in his position. Seaman's heroics for England notwithstanding, England's own Paul Gascoigne leads the field in the midfield department, with 11 points, whilst Shearer, with 13, is the leading striker.

Euro ITF reflects the real world of Euro 96. It is up to you to prove your selection skills by picking a team to beat the best. Having done that, you may attempt to improve your points-scoring potential by using the transfer system.

"Your team must always be in line with the format of one goalkeeper, two full backs, two central defenders, four midfield players, two strikers and a manager. For this last section, you may pick up to four individuals (player or manager) from the same country. You must also include one Rising Star (denoted opposite by RS), but no more than one, in your team."

The Euro ITF competition is separated into five transfer sections. For this last section, you may transfer up to five individual players (including the manager), but it is important to note that you may only use the transfer facility once for each team. If the transfer facility is used more than once, that team will revert to its original form.

The Euro ITF competition is



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selectors whose scores are only in the nineties are still not out of contention. With some judicious transferring before tomorrow's two semi-finals (and a cammy bunch for the eventual two finalists), there are well over 80 selectors at least who could finish up E25,000 better off.

Five points clear of the field is Mr P. O'Connell of West London. His Euro Paulo team has amassed 110 points, and he has made good use of the transfer system. Euro Paulo includes two of England's heroes — Seaman and Shearer — and the talented France pair of Zidane and Djorkaeff.

The loss of Fredi Bobic and Jürgen Klinsmann, the Germany strikers, before the Germans' semi-final with England at Wembley tomorrow evening, will have forced many selectors to bring in a new striker, since Klinsmann in particular was a popular choice for many Euro ITF selectors.

There will be some who might take a gamble on a Czech Republic midfield player or striker, in the hope that the rank outsiders will overturn the form book once more and unearth another magical goal like that of Karel Poborski against Portugal on Sunday.

But if the bookmakers' odds are your preferred guide, then the crucial selections will need to be made from England and France, Ladbrokes's favoured

team. The race for the overall prize of £25,000 continues, however. With the European championship coming to a climax, Euro ITF selectors have a limited time left to make their final transfers before they must trust in the players they have selected.

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Sammer, the Germany midfield player, watches Köpke concede a penalty against Italy. His championship goals make him valuable in Euro ITF

All matches in Euro 96 season count for points.  
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POINTS SCORED	
GOALKEEPER	Scored goal (including penalty shoot-out) +2
	Concedes goal -1
	Concedes goal (including penalty shoot-out) -3
FULL BACK/CENTRAL DEFENDER	Scored goal -2
	Concedes goal (including penalty shoot-out) -3
MANAGER	Team wins in extra time +4
	Team wins in group match +3
MIDFIELD PLAYER	Team draws in group match +1
	Team wins in quarter-final, semi-final or final +6

POINTS DEDUCTED	
GOALKEEPER	Concedes goal (including penalty shoot-out) -2
	Concedes goal (including penalty shoot-out) -1
FULL BACK/CENTRAL DEFENDER	Concedes goal (including penalty shoot-out) -2
MANAGER	Team loses in group match -1
MIDFIELD PLAYER	Team loses in group match -1
	Team loses in quarter-final, semi-final or final -3

\* Must have played for 75 minutes in the match  
† Must have played for 45 minutes in the match

Yellow card -1  
Second yellow card -2  
Red card -3  
(not off without being shown yellow card previously)

25 points deducted for each transfer

**Check your players' points in Euro Interactive Team Football**

# GOALKEEPERS

Code	Name	(Country, club)	Wk Cum
10101	Borislav Myhailov	(Bulgaria, Reading)	0 -1
10102	Dimitar Popov	(Bulgaria, CSKA)	0 0
10103	Zdravko Zdravkov	(Bulgaria, Slevia Sofia)	0 0
10201	Tonci Gabric	(Croatia, Hajduk Split)	0 0
10202	Drazen Ladic	(Croatia, Croatia Zagreb)	3 +7
10203	Marijan Mamic	(Croatia, Varieks Varazdin)	0 -5
10301	Petr Kouba	(Czech Rep, Sparta Prague)	+5 4
10302	Ludek Miklosko	(Czech Rep, West Ham United)	0 0
10303	Pavel Smicek	(Czech Rep, Newcastle United)	0 0
10304	Ladislav Maier	(Czech Rep, Slovan Liberec)	0 0
10401	Lars Hoegh	(Denmark, Odense)	0 0
10402	Mogens Krogh	(Denmark, Brondby)	0 0
10403	Peter Schmeichel	(Denmark, Manchester United)	0 -2
10501	Tim Flowers	(England, Blackburn Rovers)	0 0
10502	David Seaman	(England, Arsenal)	+4 +7
10503	Ian Walker	(England, Tottenham Hotspur)	0 0
10601	Fabien Barthez	(France, Monaco)	0 0
10602	Bernard Lama	(France, Paris Saint-Germain)	0 +3
10603	Bruno Martini	(France, Montpellier)	0 0
10701	Oliver Kahn	(Germany, Bayern Munich)	0 0
10702	Stefan Klos	(Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	0 0
10703	Andreas Köpke	(Germany, Eintracht Frankfurt)	-1 +13
10704	Oliver Reck	(Germany, Werder Bremen)	0 0
10801	Ed de Goey	(Holland, Feyenoord)	0 0
10802	Edwin van der Sar	(Holland, Ajax)	5 -2
10803	Ruud Hesp	(Holland, Roda JC)	0 0
10901	Luca Bucci	(Italy, Parma)	0 0
10902	Angelo Peruzzi	(Italy, Juventus)	0 +1
10903	Francesco Toldo	(Italy, Fiorentina)	0 0
11001	Vitor Balá	(Portugal, Porto)	-1 +8
11002	Alfredo Castro	(Portugal, Boavista)	0 0
11003	Rui Correia	(Portugal, Braga)	0 0
11004	Paulo Costinha	(Portugal, Sporting Lisbon)	0 0
11101	Florin Tene	(Romania, Rapid Bucharest)	0 0
11102	Florin Prunea	(Romania, Dinamo Bucharest)	-3 0
11103	Bogdan Stelza	(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	-2 0
11201	Stanislav Cherchesov	(Russia, FC Tyrol)	-8 0
11202	Dmitri Kharine	(Russia, Chelsea)	-5 0
11203	Sergei Ovchinnikov	(Russia, Lokomotiv Moscow)	0 0
11301	Andy Goram	(Scotland, Rangers)	+7 0
11302	Jim Leighton	(Scotland, Hibernian)	0 0
11303	Nicky Walker	(Scotland, Partick Thistle)	0 0
11401	Andoni Zubizarreta	(Spain, Valencia)	-3 6
11402	Santiago Cañizares	(Spain, Real Madrid)	0 0
11403	José Molina	(Spain, Atlético Madrid)	0 0
11501	Stephane Lehmann	(Switzerland, Sion)	0 0
11502	Marco Pascolo	(Switzerland, Servette)	-5 0
11503	Pascal Zuberbühler	(Switzerland, Grasshopper)	0 0
11504	Joel Commibœuf	(Switzerland, Neuchâtel)	0 0
11601	Ipekoglu Engin	(Turkey, Fenerbahce)	0 0
11602	Rustu Recber	(Turkey, Fenerbahce)	-8 0
11603	Erkan Adnan	(Turkey, Ankaragucuspor)	0 0
11604	Govmen Sanver	(Turkey, Altayspor)	0 0



**David Seaman celebrates an England victory. Should you select him now?**

FULL BACKS				
Code	Name	(Country, club)	Wk	Cum
20131	Ilian Kiryakov	(Bulgaria, Anorthosis)	0	+1
20132	Radoslav Kishlshhev	(Bulgaria, N Bourgas — RS)	0	+1
20133	Emil Kremenliev	(Bulgaria, Olympiakos)	0	-5
20134	Tzanko Tsvetanov	(Bulgaria, Waldhof Mannheim)	0	-3
20231	Elvis Brajkovic	(Croatia, Bayern Munich)	0	0
20232	Robert Jami	(Croatia, Real Betis)	-3	-1
20233	Nikola Jurcevic	(Croatia, Freiburg)	-3	-8
20234	Dario Simic	(Croatia, FC Croatia)	0	-5
20331	Radoslav Latal	(Czech Rep, Schalke 04)	+1	-9
20332	Jiri Lerch	(Czech Rep, Slavia Prague)	0	0
20333	Tomas Repka	(Czech Rep, Sparta Prague)	0	0
20334	Jan Suchoparek	(Czech Rep, Slavia Prague)	+3	-4
20335	Martin Kotulek	(Czech Rep, Sigma Olomouc)	0	0
20431	Thomas Helveg	(Denmark, Udinese)	0	+2
20432	Jacob Laursen	(Denmark, Silkeborg — RS)	0	-5
20433	Torben Plechnik	(Denmark, Aarhus)	0	0
20434	Jens Rissager	(Denmark, Brondby)	0	-2
20531	Rob Jones	(England, Liverpool)	0	0
20532	Gary Neville	(England, Manchester Utd — RS)	+3	+4
20533	Philip Neville	(England, Manchester United)	0	0
20534	Stuart Pearce	(England, Nottingham Forest)	+7	+5
20535	Sol Campbell	(England, Tottenham)	0	0
20631	Jocelyn Angloma	(France, Turin)	0	+1
20632	Eric di Meco	(France, AS Monaco)	0	0
20633	Bixente Lizarazu	(France, Bordeaux)	+7	+5
20634	Lilian Thuram	(France, AS Monaco)	+4	+5
20731	Stefan Reuter	(Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	-1	+6
20732	Rene Schneider	(Germany, Rostock)	0	0
20831	Frank de Boer	(Holland, Ajax)	0	0
20832	Winston Bogarde	(Holland, Ajax)	+3	+4
20833	Michael Reiziger	(Holland, Ajax)	+4	+5
20931	Luigi Apolloni	(Italy, Parma)	0	-6
20932	Amedeo Carboni	(Italy, Roma)	0	+5
20933	Paolo Maldini	(Italy, AC Milan)	0	0
20934	Roberto Mussi	(Italy, Parma)	0	0
21031	Fernando Nelson	(Portugal, Sporting Lisbon)	0	0
21032	Paulinho Santos	(Portugal, FC Porto)	0	+1
21033	Carlos Secretario	(Portugal, FC Porto)	-2	+2
21034	José Tavarés	(Portugal, Boavista)	0	0
21035	Dimas Texeira	(Portugal, Benfica)	-1	+6
21131	Corneliu Papura	(Romania, Universitatea Craiova)	0	0
21132	Dan Petrescu	(Romania, Chelsea)	0	-5
21133	Tibor Selymes	(Romania, Cercle Bruges)	0	-6
21231	Yuri Kovtun	(Russia, Dynamo Moscow)	0	-8
21232	Ramiz Mamedov	(Russia, Spartak Moscow)	0	0
21233	Sergei Gorukovich	(Russia, Spartak Moscow)	0	-3
21331	Tommy Boyd	(Scotland, Celtic)	0	+4
21332	Craig Burley	(Scotland, Chelsea)	0	+4
21333	Stewart McKimmie	(Scotland, Aberdeen)	0	+1
21334	Brian O'Neill	(Scotland, Celtic)	0	0
21335	Tosh McKinlay	(Scotland, Celtic)	0	-2
21431	Sergi Barjuan	(Spain, Barcelona)	+4	-1
21432	Alberto Belsue	(Spain, Real Zaragoza)	+6	+5
21433	Albert Ferrer	(Spain, Barcelona)	0	0
21434	Jorge Otero	(Spain, Valencia)	0	-2
21435	J M Lopez Martinez	(Spain, Atlético Madrid)	+1	-1
21531	Marc Hottiger	(Switzerland, Everton)	0	4
21532	Yvan Quentin	(Switzerland, Sion)	0	-6
21533	Sebastien Jeanneret	(Switzerland, Neuchatel)	0	-3
21534	Raphael Wicky	(Switzerland, Sion)	0	0
21631	Recep Çetin	(Turkey, Besiktas)	0	0
21632	Inceferi Vedat	(Turkey, DC Karabukspor)	0	-2

CENTRAL DEFENDERS				
Code	Name	(Country, club)	Wk	Cum
30131	Krasimir Chomakov	(Bulgaria, Maritsa Plovdiv)	0	0
30132	Valentil Dartilov	(Bulgaria, Levski Sofia)	0	0
30133	Gosho Guinchev	(Bulgaria, Denizlispor)	0	0
30134	Petar Hubchev	(Bulgaria, Hamburg)	0	-7
30135	Trifon Ivanov	(Bulgaria, Rapid Vienna)	0	-3
30231	Slaven Bilic	(Croatia, West Ham United)	-3	0
30232	Nikola Jernkan	(Croatia, Real Oviedo)	4	+4
30233	Dubravko Pavlicic	(Croatia, Hercules)	0	-6
30234	Zvonimir Soldo	(Croatia, Croatia Zagreb)	0	-6
30235	Igor Stimac	(Croatia, Derby County)	4	+4
30331	Michal Hornak	(Czech Rep, Sparta Prague)	+4	-5
30332	Miroslav Kadlec	(Czech Rep, Kaiserslautern)	+4	-2
30333	Lubos Kublik	(Czech Rep, Petra Drnovice)	0	0
30334	Karel Rada	(Czech Rep, Sigma Olomouc)	0	0
30431	Jes Hoegh	(Denmark, Fenerbahce)	0	-2
30432	Lars Olsen	(Denmark, Brondby)	0	0
30433	Marc Reiper	(Denmark, West Ham United)	0	-2
30531	Tony Adams	(England, Arsenal)	+4	+4
30532	Gary Pallister	(England, Manchester United)	0	0
30533	Gareth Southgate	(England, Aston Villa)	+4	+5
30534	Steve Howey	(England, Newcastle United)	0	0
30631	Laurent Blanc	(France, Auxerre)	+7	+11
30632	Marcel Desailly	(France, AC Milan)	+4	+5
30633	Franck LeBoeuf	(France, Strasbourg)	0	0
30634	Alain Roche	(France, Paris Saint-Germain)	0	-2
0731	Markus Babbel	(Germany, Bayern Munich)	-1	+5
0732	Thomas Helmer	(Germany, Bayern Munich)	-1	+11
0733	Jürgen Kohler	(Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	0	0
0734	Matthias Sammer	(Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	+1	+16
0831	Danny Blind	(Holland, Ajax)	+7	+2
0832	Johan de Kock	(Holland, Roda JC)	+6	+6
0833	Stan Vaclik	(Holland, PSV Eindhoven)	0	0
0834	John Veldman	(Holland, Sparta Rotterdam)	0	0
0931	Alessandro Costacurta	(Italy, AC Milan)	0	0
0932	Ciro Ferrara	(Italy, Juventus)	0	0
0933	Moreno Torricelli	(Italy, Juventus)	0	0
0934	Alessandro Nesta	(Italy, Lazio)	0	0
1031	Fernando Couto	(Portugal, Parma)	-1	+9
1032	Helder Cristovao	(Portugal, Benfica)	-2	+5
1033	Paulo Medeira	(Portugal, Belenenses)	0	0
1034	Carlos Magalhaes	(Portugal, Boavista)	0	0
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1131	Anton Dobos	(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	0	-3
1132	Gheorghe Mihali	(Romania, Guingamp)	0	-2
1133	Gheorghe Popescu	(Romania, Barcelona)	0	-5
1134	Daniel Prodan	(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	0	-4
1135	Miodrag Belodedici	(Romania, Villareal)	0	-2
1231	Yevgeny Bushmanov	(Russia, CSKA Moscow)	0	-1

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41145	Horia Niculescu	(Romania, National Bucharest)	0	0
41146	Nica Basarab Panduru	(Romania, Benfica)	0	0
41147	Ivan Sabau	(Romania, Brescia)	0	0
41148	Ovidiu Stanga	(Romania, Salamanca)	0	+1
41241	Andrei Kanchelskis	(Russia, Everton)	0	+1
41242	Valery Karpin	(Russia, Real Sociedad)	0	+3
41243	Alexander Mostovoi	(Russia, Strasbourg)	0	+5
41244	Viktor Onopko	(Russia, Oviedo)	0	0
41245	Andrei Piatnitski	(Russia, Spartak Moscow)	0	0
41246	Vladislav Radimov	(Russia, CSKA Moscow)	0	+2
41247	Igor Shalimov	(Russia, Udinese)	0	0
41248	Ilya Tsybalar	(Russia, Spartak Moscow)	0	+4
41249	Dmitry Khokhlov	(Russia, CSKA Moscow)	0	+2
41250	Igor Yanovsky	(Russia, Alaniya Vladikavkaz)	0	+1
41341	John Collins	(Scotland, Celtic)	0	+3
41342	Scot Gemmill	(Scotland, Nottingham Forest)	0	0
41343	Gary McAllister	(Scotland, Leeds United)	0	+4
41344	Stuart McCall	(Scotland, Rangers)	0	+4
41345	Billy McKinlay	(Scotland, Blackburn Rovers)	0	0
41346	Pat Nevin	(Scotland, Tranmere Rovers)	0	0
41441	Jose Luis Caminero	(Spain, Atlético Madrid)	+2	+5
41442	Donato Gama da Silva	(Spain, Deportivo La Coruña)	0	0
41443	Jon Andoni Goikoetxea	(Spain, Athletic Bilbao)	0	0
41444	Josep Guardiola	(Spain, Barcelona)	0	0
41445	Julen Guerrero	(Spain, Athletic Bilbao)	0	+1
41446	Luis Enrique Martínez	(Spain, Real Madrid)	0	+1
41447	Guillermo Amor	(Spain, Barcelona)	+4	+6
41448	Jose Emilio Amavisca	(Spain, Real Madrid)	0	+1
41541	Thomas Bickel	(Switzerland, Vissel Kobe)	0	0
41542	Christophe Bonvin	(Switzerland, Sion)	0	+2
41543	Sébastien Fournier	(Switzerland, Sion)	0	0
41544	Marcel Koller	(Switzerland, Grasshopper)	0	+1
41545	Christophe Ohrel	(Switzerland, St Etienne)	0	0
41546	Ciriaco Sforza	(Switzerland, Bayern Munich)	0	+3
41547	Alain Sutter	(Switzerland, Freiburg)	0	0
41548	Johan Vogel	(Switzerland, Grasshopper — RS)	0	+2
41549	Murat Yakin	(Switzerland, Grasshopper)	0	0
41550	Alexander Comisetti	(Switzerland, Grasshopper)	0	0
41641	Oguz Cetin	(Turkey, Fenerbahce)	0	+1
41642	Abdullah Ercan	(Turkey, Trabzonspor)	0	+2
41643	Tolunay Kafkas	(Turkey, Trabzonspor)	0	-1
41644	Tugay Kerimoglu	(Turkey, Galatasaray)	0	+2
41645	Keskin Gokhan	(Turkey, Besiktas)	0	0
41646	Tayfun Korkut	(Turkey, Fenerbahce)	0	0
41647	Sergen Yalcin	(Turkey, Besiktas — RS)	0	+2
41648	Zafer Rahim	(Turkey, Gencerbirlik)	0	0
41649	Yigit Fanuk	(Turkey, Kocaelispor)	0	+1

STRIKERS



Code	Name	(Country, club)	Wk	Cum
31232	Yuri Nikiforov	(Russia, Spartak Moscow)	0	-11
31233	Omar Tedadze	(Russia, Alania Vladikavkaz)	0	-10
31331	Colin Calderwood	(Scotland, Tottenham Hotspur)	0	+4
31332	Colin Hendry	(Scotland, Blackburn Rovers)	0	+4
31333	Alan McLaren	(Scotland, Rangers)	0	0
31334	Derek Whyte	(Scotland, Middlesbrough)	0	0
31431	Rafael Alkorta	(Spain, Real Madrid)	+1	-2
31432	Abelardo Fernandez	(Spain, Barcelona)	+3	-1
31433	Fernando Hierro	(Spain, Real Madrid)	+3	0
31434	Miquel Angel Nadal	(Spain, Barcelona)	+3	+1
31531	Alain Gelger	(Switzerland, Grasshopper)	0	-2
31532	Stephane Henchoz	(Switzerland, Hamburg)	0	-5
31533	Dominique Herr	(Switzerland, Sion)	0	0
31534	Roman Vega	(Switzerland, Grasshopper)	0	-7
31535	Regis Rothenbuhler	(Switzerland, Neuchatel)	0	0
31631	Alpay Ozala	(Turkey, Besiktas)	0	-7
31632	Bulent Korkmaz	(Turkey, Galatasaray)	0	-4
31633	Ogun Temizkanlioglu	(Turkey, Trabzonspor)	0	-5
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50151	Emil Kostadinov	(Bulgaria, Bayern Munich)	0	+1
50152	Hristo Stoichkov	(Bulgaria, Parma)	0	+8
50153	Nasko Sirakov	(Bulgaria, Slavia Prague)	0	0
50154	Lyuboslav Penev	(Bulgaria, Atletico Madrid)	0	+2
50155	Petar Mihtarski	(Bulgaria, Campomaiorense)	0	0
50156	Ivo Gueorguiev	(Bulgaria, Spartak Varna)	0	0
50251	Alen Boksic	(Croatia, Lazio)	0	+1
50252	Igor Cvitanovic	(Croatia, Croatia Zagreb)	0	0
50253	Adrian Kozniku	(Croatia, Cannes)	0	0
50254	Davor Suker	(Croatia, Sevilla)	+3	+10
50255	Goran Vlaovic	(Croatia, Padova)	+1	+4
50256	Igor Pamic	(Croatia, Osijek)	0	0
50351	Radek Drulak	(Czech Rep, Petra Dmocice)	0	0
50352	Pavel Kuka	(Czech Rep, Kaiserslautern)	0	+4
50353	Vratislav Lokvenc	(Czech Rep, Sparta Prague)	0	0
50354	Vladimir Smicer	(Czech Rep, Slavia Prague)	0	0
50355	Milan Kerbr	(Czech Rep, Slavia Prague)	0	0
50451	Erik Bo Andersen	(Denmark, Rangers)	0	+1
50452	Mikkel Beck	(Denmark, Fortuna Cologne)	0	+1
50453	Brian Laudrup	(Denmark, Rangers)	0	+9
50454	Peter Rasmussen	(Denmark, Aalborg)	0	0
50455	Soeren Andersen	(Denmark, Aalborg)	0	0
50551	Les Ferdinand	(England, Newcastle United)	0	0
50552	Robbie Fowler	(England, Liverpool)	0	0
50553	Alan Shearer	(England, Blackburn Rovers)	+3	+13
50554	Teddy Sheringham	(England, Tottenham Hotspur)	+1	+7
50555	Nicky Barmby	(England, Middlesbrough)	0	0
50651	Eric Cantona	(France, Manchester United)	0	0
50652	Youri Djorkaeff	(France, Paris Saint-Germain)	+3	+7
50653	Christophe Dugarry	(France, Bordeaux)	0	+3
50654	Patrice Loko	(France, Paris Saint-Germain)	+1	+4
50655	Reynald Pedros	(France, Nantes)	0	0
50656	Cyril Pouget	(France, Metz)	0	0
50657	Michael Madar	(France, AS Monaco)	0	0
50751	Oliver Bierhoff	(Germany, Urdinese)	0	0
50752	Fredi Bobic	(Germany, VfB Stuttgart)	+1	+3
50753	Jürgen Klinsmann	(Germany, Bayern Munich)	+1	+7
50754	Stefan Kuntz	(Germany, Borussia)	1	1

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40141	Krasimir Balakov	(Bulgaria, VfB Stuttgart)	0 +4
40142	Daniel Bormirov	(Bulgaria, Munich 1860)	0 +1
40143	Bontcho Guentchev	(Bulgaria, Luton Town)	0 0
40144	Yordan Lechkov	(Bulgaria, Hamburg)	0 +4
40145	Zlatko Yankov	(Bulgaria, Bayer Uerdingen)	0 +3
40146	Ivaylo Yordanov	(Bulgaria, Sporting Lisbon)	0 +3
40147	Georgi Donkov	(Bulgaria, CSKA Sofia)	0 0
40241	Ajlosa Asanovic	(Croatia, Derby County)	+1 +5
40242	Zvonimir Boban	(Croatia, AC Milan)	+1 +6
40243	Mladen Mladenovic	(Croatia, Salzburg)	0 +1
40244	Nenad Pralija	(Croatia, Hajduk Split)	0 0
40245	Robert Prostrecki	(Croatia, Barcelona)	0 +4
40246	Mario Stanic	(Croatia, FC Bruges — RS)	+1 +4
40341	Patrik Berger	(Czech Rep, B Dortmund — RS)	0 +3
40342	Michal Bilek	(Czech Rep, Viktoria Zizkov)	0 0
40343	Martin Frydek	(Czech Rep, Sparta Prague)	0 +1
40344	Pavel Hapal	(Czech Rep, Tenerife)	0 0
40345	Pavel Nedved	(Czech Rep, Sparta Prague)	0 +3
40346	Jiri Nemec	(Czech Rep, Schalke 04)	+2 +5
40347	Vaclav Nemecek	(Czech Rep, Servette)	+2 +1
40348	Karel Poborsky	(Czech Rep, Slavia Prague)	+4 +7
40349	Radek Bejbi	(Czech Rep, Slavia Prague)	+1 +5
40350	Pavel Novotny	(Czech Rep, Slavia Prague)	0 0
40441	Michael Laudrup	(Denmark, Real Madrid)	0 +4
40442	Allan Nielsen	(Denmark, Brondby)	0 +4
40443	Peter Nielsen	(Denmark, B Mönchengladbach)	0 0
40444	Brian Steen Nielsen	(Denmark, Odense)	0 +4
40445	Michael Schjønberg	(Denmark, Odense)	0 +2
40446	Claus Thomsen	(Denmark, Ipswich Town)	0 +4
40447	Kim Vifort	(Denmark, Brondby)	0 +1
40448	Henrik Larsen	(Denmark, Lyngby)	0 +2
40449	Stig Tofting	(Denmark, Aarhus)	0 +0
40541	Darren Anderton	(England, Tottenham Hotspur)	+2 +6
40542	Paul Gascogne	(England, Rangers)	+4 +11
40543	Paul Ince	(England, Internazionale)	0 +2
40544	Robert Lee	(England, Newcastle United)	0 0
40545	Steve McManaman	(England, Liverpool)	+2 +6
40546	David Platt	(England, Arsenal)	+4 +4
40547	Steve Stone	(England, Nottingham Forest)	0 0
40548	Dennis Wise	(England, Chelsea)	0 0
40549	Jamie Redknapp	(England, Liverpool)	0 0
40641	Didier Deschamps	(France, Juventus)	+1 +5
40642	Vincent Guerlin	(France, Paris Saint-Germain)	+4 +9
40643	Christian Karembeu	(France, Sampdoria)	+1 +4
40644	Sabri Lamouchi	(France, Auxerre)	0 0
40645	Corentin Martins	(France, Auxerre)	0 0
40646	Zinedine Zidane	(France, Bordeaux — RS)	+4 +8
40741	Mario Basler	(Germany, Werder Bremen)	0 0
40742	Marco Bode	(Germany, Werder Bremen)	0 0
40743	Dieter Eits	(Germany, Werder Bremen)	+1 +7
40744	Steffen Freund	(Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	+1 +3
40745	Thomas Hässler	(Germany, Karlsruhe)	0 +4
40746	Andy Möller	(Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	+1 +8
40747	Mehmet Scholl	(Germany, Bayern Munich — RS)	+1 +1
40748	Thomas Strunz	(Germany, Bayern Munich)	0 -2
40749	Christian Ziege	(Germany, Bayern Munich)	+1 +8
40841	Edgar Davids	(Holland, Ajax — RS)	0 +2
40842	Ronald de Boer	(Holland, Ajax)	+4 +8
40843	Wim Jonk	(Holland, PSV Eindhoven)	0 0
40844	Clarence Seedorf	(Holland, Sampdoria)	+2 +2
40845	Aron Winter	(Holland, Lazio)	+1 +3
		(Holland, PEC Zwolle)	0 0
		(Holland, Feyenoord)	0 0
		(Holland, PSV Eindhoven)	0 0
		(Holland, Nottingham Forest)	0 0
		(Holland, Bordeaux)	+1 +3
		(Holland, Barcelona)	+1 +6
		(Italy, Lazio)	0 +5
		(Italy, Sampdoria — RS)	0 +3
		(Italy, Juventus)	0 +1
		(Italy, AC Milan)	0 0
		(Italy, Parma)	+1 +1
		(Portugal, Sporting Lisbon)	0 0
		(Portugal, Sporting Lisbon)	0 0
		(Portugal, Celtic)	0 0
		(Portugal, Benfica)	0 +4
		(Portugal, Uniao Leiria)	0 0
		(Romania, Real Sociedad)	0 0
		(Romania, West Ham United)	0 0
		(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	+1 +1
		(Romania, Barcelona)	+2 +2
		(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	-1 -1
		(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	+1 +1
		(Romania, Neuchatel Xamax)	+2 +2
		(Romania, Espanol)	+5 +5
		(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	0 0
		(Russia, Werder Bremen — RS)	+3 +3
		(Russia, Karlsruhe)	0 0
		(Russia, Foggia)	+2 +2
		(Russia, Deportivo La Coruña)	0 0
		(Russia, Deportivo La Coruña)	0 0
		(Russia, Millwall)	0 0
		(Russia, Reggiana)	+1 +1
		(Russia, Dynamo Moscow)	+0 +0
		(Scotland, Aberdeen — RS)	+1 +1
		(Scotland, Hibernian)	0 0
		(Scotland, Coventry City)	0 0
		(Scotland, Rangers)	+3 +3
		(Scotland, Bolton Wanderers)	0 0
		(Scotland, Aberdeen)	0 0
		(Scotland, Chelsea)	+1 +1
		(Scotland, Rangers)	+3 +3
		(Scotland, Blackburn Rovers)	0 0
		(Spain, Deportivo La Coruña)	+1 +4
		(Spain, Tenerife)	-1 -1
		(Spain, Atlético Madrid — RS)	+1 +1
		(Spain, Real Madrid)	0 0
		(Spain, Sporting Gijón)	+1 +1
		(Spain, Real Betis)	+3 +3
		(Switzerland, Borussia Dortmund)	+1 +1
		(Switzerland, Rennes)	0 0
		(Switzerland, Grasshopper)	+4 +4
		(Switzerland, Servette)	0 0
		(Turkey, Trabzonspor)	+1 +1
		(Turkey, Galatasaray)	+2 +2
		(Turkey, Fenerbahce)	0 0
		(Turkey, Besiktas)	+1 +1
		(Turkey, Kocaelispor)	+1 +1
		(Turkey, Galatasaray)	+3 +3
		(Turkey, Besiktas)	0 0

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10944	Antonio Conte	(Italy, Juventus)		0	+1	60161	Dimitar Penev	(Bulgaria)	0 +3
10945	Alessandro del Piero	(Italy, Juventus)		0	+1	60261	Miroslav Blazevic	(Croatia)	-3 +2
10946	Angelo di Livio	(Italy, Juventus)		0	+2	60361	Dusan Uhrin	(Czech Rep.)	+6 +9
10947	Roberto di Matteo	(Italy, Lazio)		0	+3	60461	Richard Moeller Nielsen	(Denmark)	0 +3
10948	Roberto Donadoni	(Italy, AC Milan)		0	+2	60561	Terry Venables	(England)	+6 +13
10949	Diego Fuser	(Italy, Lazio)		0	0	60661	Aimé Jacquet	(France)	+6 +13
10950	Fabio Rossetto	(Italy, Udinese)		0	0	60761	Berti Vogts	(Germany)	+6 +13
10951	Paulo Bento	(Portugal, Benfica)		0	0	60861	Guus Hiddink	(Holland)	-3 0
10952	Nuno Capucho	(Portugal, Guimaraes)		0	0	60961	Arrigo Sacchi	(Italy)	0 +3
10953	Rui Costa	(Portugal, Fiorentina)		+1	+5	61061	Antonio Oliveira	(Portugal)	-3 +4
10954	Oceano Cruz	(Portugal, Sporting Lisbon)		+1	+2	61161	Anghel Iordanescu	(Romania)	0 -3
10955	Luis Figo	(Portugal, Barcelona)		+1	+7	61261	Oleg Romantsev	(Russia)	0 -1
10956	Vitor Paneira	(Portugal, SC Vitoria)		0	0	61361	Craig Brown	(Scotland)	0 +3
10957	Sa Pinto	(Portugal, Sporting Lisbon)		0	+4	61461	Javier Clemente	(Spain)	-3 +2
10958	Paulo Sousa	(Portugal, Juventus)		+1	+4	61561	Arthur Jorge	(Switzerland)	0 -1
10959	Iulian Filipescu	(Romania, S Bucharest — RS)		0	0	61661	Fatih Terim	(Turkey)	0 -3
10960	Ioan Angelo Lupescu	(Romania, Bayer Leverkusen)		0	+2				
10961	Dorin Mateut	(Romania, Dinamo Bucharest)		0	0				
10962	Dorinel Munteanu	(Romania, Cologne)		0	+2				

# THE TIMES TODAY

TUESDAY JUNE 25 1996

## NEWS

### Asylum seekers' cash crackdown

■ New laws are to be rushed through Parliament next week to overturn a Court of Appeal ruling that the Government acted illegally in cutting welfare benefits to asylum seekers.

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, said urgent action was needed so the ruling would not provide "a blank cheque for bogus asylum seekers". But the move provoked furious protests from welfare groups. Some MPs described the plans as an abuse of process, and the measure is likely to face stiff opposition in the Lords. .... Page 1

### Mirror under fire over front page

■ The Editor of the *Daily Mirror* has apologised after hundreds of people protested about yesterday's front page showing two England footballers in soldiers' tin helmets demanding a German surrender. .... Page 1

### Spy trap alert

America has reimposed tough anti-spy restrictions on Moscow staff, where intimate relations with Russian citizens must be reported immediately. .... Pages 1, 15

### Agassi out

Andre Agassi, the No. 3 seed and the most charismatic figure in international tennis, was knocked out of the Wimbledon championships on the opening day of the men's singles. .... Pages 1, 3

### Beef target

John Major said Britain would be ready for most of the EU beef ban to be lifted by November as he resisted Cabinet pressure for the sacking of Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister. .... Page 2

### Sainsbury ban

A Sainsbury out-of-town store in North Yorkshire lost its licence to sell alcohol after police sent underage teenagers in to buy drink because of complaints about drunkenness and bad behaviour at a nearby disco. .... Page 3

### St George is back

England's success in Euro 96 has led to the rediscovery of the flag of St George — almost forgotten by a generation. .... Page 4

### NHS 'in crisis'

The leader of Britain's doctors declared the NHS was in crisis and demanded a £6 billion injection of funds to stop it sinking like the *Titanic*. .... Page 6

### Colonel, 85, wins wife and degree

■ A former aide-de-camp to the Queen is proving that even at 85 one can learn new tricks. Next month Colonel George Widdowson collects a Spanish degree and, a few days later, he marries his fiancée Mary Miller. The colonel, a veteran of Dunkirk and Arnhem, started his studies 15 years ago after he was spent time in Spain on doctor's orders. .... Page 1



Twenty-five Essex amateur actors with Benfleet's The Wednesday Players celebrate sharing a £2 million National Lottery win

## BUSINESS

**Woolwich:** Woolwich Building Society sought to put its stock market flotation back on course by naming insider John Stewart as its group chief executive. .... Page 29

**Channel tunnel:** The Department of Transport told Eurotunnel's embattled management the British Government saw "no public interest" in extending its operating licence. .... Page 29

**Pensions:** Hopes that 60,000 part-time workers would share up to £95 million in back-dated pensions were dashed. .... Page 29

**Markets:** The FT-SE 100 Index fell 11.5 points to close at 3701.8. Sterling's trade-weighted index was unchanged at 85.9 after a fall from \$1.5403 to \$1.5398 but a rise from DM2.3551 to DM2.3580. .... Page 32

**Clinton reprieve:**

President Clinton enjoyed a rare respite from the scandals besetting his White House when the Supreme Court in effect delayed Paula Jones's sexual harassment lawsuit until after November's election. .... Page 16

**Off the mark:**

The German Government opened its public relations offensive to persuade its stubbornly sceptical citizens that it will be worth abandoning the mark for a single European currency. .... Page 14

**Greenpeace clash:**

Danish fishermen and Greenpeace activists were involved in violent clashes in a growing conservation war. .... Page 9

**New RAF missile:**

The RAF is getting a cruise missile that can be fired from 300 miles away, guaranteeing a direct hit. A £650 million order will be announced by Michael Portillo next month. .... Page 10

**Football:** Jürgen Klinsmann was adamant he would not be fit to face England in the European championship semi-final at Wembley because of a calf injury. .... Page 56

**Cricket:** A stubborn seventh-wicket partnership between Jack Russell and Ronnie Irani secured England from defeat in the second Test against India at Lord's. .... Page 50

**Athletics:** Michael Johnson's world 200 metres record and Allen Johnson's rapid 110 metres hurdles raise expectations of fast times at the Atlanta Olympics. .... Page 56

**Fond farewell:** Sadler's Wells says farewell to Lillian Baylis's famous building with a song-and-dance gala that featured many voices from the past. .... Page 39

**Victim impact:** Michael Howard is to introduce the victim's voice in court, so that sentencing will take into account their pain. But is it the crime or its impact that is on trial? .... Page 41

**New Spanish custom:** Spaniards did not feel juries were necessary — but as they have just been introduced they will have to serve on them anyway. .... Page 43

**LIBBY PURVES:**

You go to a doctor troubled and vulnerable; even the smallest ailment can briefly bring you in touch with the terror of mortality, or be a symptom of depression, loneliness or marital disaster. .... Page 20

**GEOFFREY ROBERTSON:**

The more "horrible" the crime, the more due process is necessary. And the comparison with military tribunals is astonishing. How can The Hague tribunal serve as a world court model if it sets itself low standards of fairness? .... Page 20

**GILLIAN SHEPHERD:**

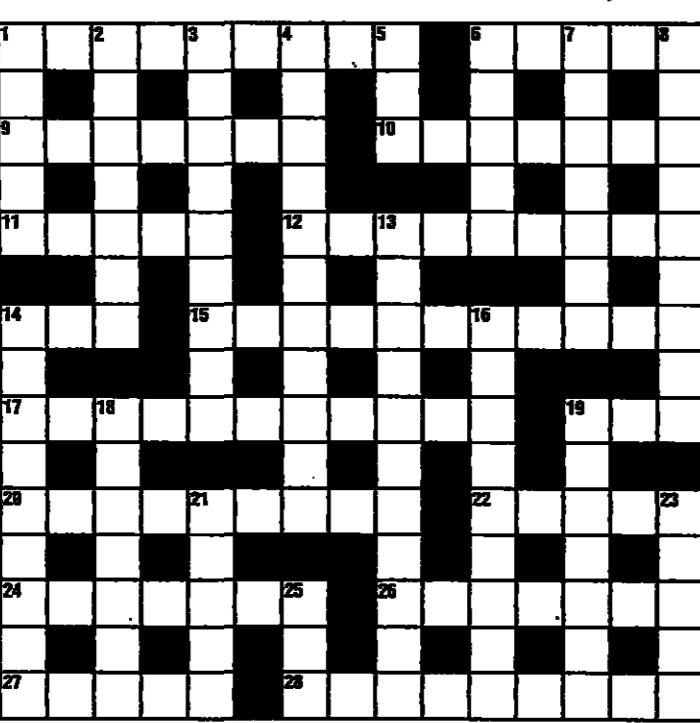
Today's White Paper is designed with one aim — to raise standards by reinforcing self-government and promoting choice and diversity. It sets out measures to build on what is in place. .... Page 20

**Lord Tweedsmuir:**

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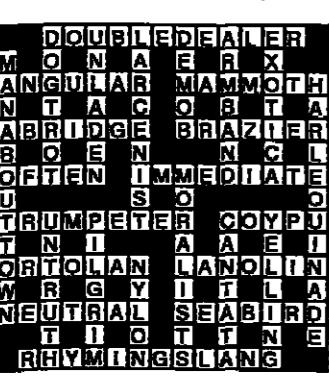
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- 6 Young Bobby, not the eldest son (5).
- 9 One who checks documents for every employer (7).
- 10 Less well-bred dog or horse, say (7).
- 11 A decline accepted by society for so long (5).
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- 14 Like Henry Wood? (3).
- 15 Boy in school head's expelled as danger to health? (11).
- 17 Order scenery, working as chapel member? (4-7).
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**DOUBLED DEALER**

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A N G U L I A M A M O T H  
N T A C O B E T A  
A B R I D G E B R A Z I E R  
B O E N N G C L  
O F T E N I M M E D I M A T E  
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T N I A A E I  
O R T O L I A N L A N O L I N  
W R G Y I T L A  
N E U T R A L S E A B I R D  
T I O T T E R H Y M I N G S L A N S

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## FORECAST

■ General: England and Wales will be mostly dry with sunny periods, but cloud will increase in the North and West in the afternoon and evening, perhaps with patchy rain or drizzle later. Mostly warm.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mostly dry at first, but outbreaks of rain are expected to spread southeast across all parts during the day. It should become drier and brighter later in the northwest. Temperatures will be near normal.

■ London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S. England, Midlands, E England, Channel Isles, NW England, Central N., NE England: dry with sunny periods. Wind mainly light north or northwest. Warm. Max 22°C (72°F).

■ NW Scotland: patchy drizzle at first, more persistent rain later, clearing by evening. Wind strong southerly, turning westerly later. Max 18°C (61°F).

■ Outdoors: rain clearing the South East, becoming dry, but rain later in West. Wind west.

■ Northern Ireland: forecast: Scotland, N Wales, low to moderate; N England, N Ireland, S Wales, moderate to high.

Midlands, E Anglia, South East, South West, London, high.

■ Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen: dry for a time with sunny

spells, becoming cloudy later with some patchy mainly light rain. Wind southwest or south, mostly light. Warm. Max 22°C (72°F).

■ SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: dry at first, rain spreading from west later in the morning and during the afternoon. Wind south or southwest, moderate becoming fresh. Max 21°C (70°F).

■ Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: rather cloudy, some patchy drizzle at times. More general rain during the evening. Wind southerly, moderate becoming fresh. Max 16°C (61°F).

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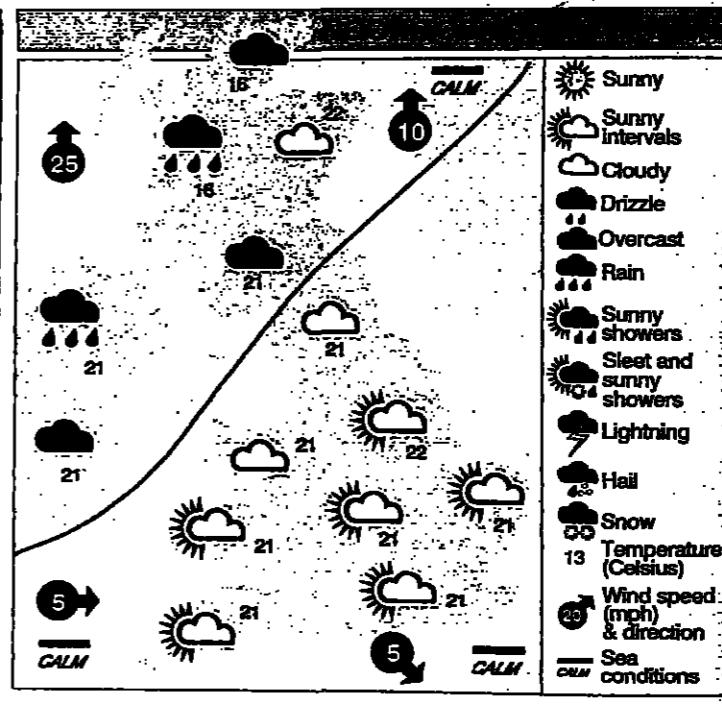
## AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloudy; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=duff; f=fair; lg=light; g=gale; h=hot;

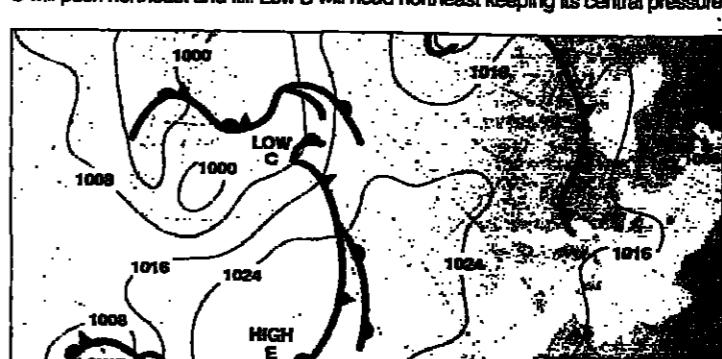
l=lightning; m=moderate; r=rain; s=snow; st=storm; t=tropical; w=westerly; z=zealous.

■ Sun: Rm = rain; Rm = rain; Min = minimum; Max = maximum; hrs = hours; C = centigrade; F = Fahrenheit.

■ Forecast: Sun = sun; C = centigrade; F = Fahrenheit; Min = minimum; Max = maximum; hrs = hours; C = centigrade; F = Fahrenheit.



Changes to chart below from noon: high E will edge east with little change. Low C will push northeast and fill. Low D will head northeast keeping its central pressure



## HIGH TIDES

TODAY AM HT PM HT TODAY AM HT PM HT

London Bridge 7:48 6:2 8:05 7:41 Leigh 8:45 6:2 9:22 8:45

Abermouth 7:49 6:2 8:17 7:41 Liverpool 5:07 7:8 5:48 7:56

Bolton 0:26 10:12 11:12 10:22 Morecambe 4:23 2:1 3:20 4:21

Cardiff 5:12 3:2 5:54 3:0 5:22 3:15 Milford Haven 6:10 4:0 6:20 4:27

Dover 4:47 5:4 5:22 5:5 5:22 5:5

Dublin (N Wall) 5:49 5:4 5:23 5:6 5:23 5:6

Falmouth 11:00 4:0 11:28 4:5 11:28 4:5

Gronoc 6:18 2:29 7:15 2:27 Portsmouth 5:01 3:9 5:47 4:41

Holyhead 6:00 3:22 6:17 3:44 Shoreham 4:49 4:9 5:32 5:1

Hull (Albert D) 4:16 5:4 5:45 4:45 Southampton 4:34 3:8 5:10 4:0

Isle of Man 12:07 6:1 - - Tees 12:22 7:5

Isle of Wight 12:10 7:3 - - Tew 10:01 4:2 10:09 4:4

Leeds 11:40 5:1 - - Wall-on-Naze 5:42 3:6 6:06 3:3

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## HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises 4:45 am Sun sets 9:22 pm

Bristol 6:31 pm to 4:55 am

Edinburgh 10:03 pm to 4:28 am

London 10:03 pm to 4:41 am

Penzance 9:30 pm to 3:14 am

Full moon July 1

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